



The image shows the front cover of a book. The cover is decorated with a traditional marbled paper pattern, specifically a 'stone' or 'shell' pattern. This pattern consists of large, irregular, dark grey or black blotches that are separated by a network of fine, branching veins in shades of red and yellow. The overall effect is a dense, organic texture. In the center of the cover, there is a small, rectangular, off-white paper label with a thin black border. The label contains the following text: 'M. R. WARREN' in a bold, serif font, followed by 'STATIONER' in a slightly smaller, similar font. Below these, in a smaller, simpler font, are the words 'Account Book Manufacturer', '336 WASHINGTON ST.', and 'BOSTON.'.

M. R. WARREN,
STATIONER,
Account Book Manufacturer,
336 WASHINGTON ST.,
BOSTON.





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Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1897.
Middlesex S. S.

To Edward P. Kelley Constable of
Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify
and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified
by law to vote in elections and in town affairs
to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday
the second day of November next at six o'clock
A.M. at which time the polls will be open (and
they must be kept open four hours at least) to
bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor
and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth,
a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General, an
Auditor, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the
sixth Councillor District, a Senator for the sixth
Middlesex District, a County Commissioner for
Middlesex County, a County Treasurer for Middle-
sex County, a Representative in the General Court;
for the seventeenth Middlesex District, a Register
of Deeds for the Southern District,
Also to act on the following articles relating to
town affairs, viz:-

- Ans-1st To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting,
" 2nd To act on the revision and acceptance of a
list of persons to serve as jurors as presented
by the Selectmen.

The time for acting on the matter in the
warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at
2 o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by putting an attested copy of the same
at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford
House eight days at least before the time of

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Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1897,
the aforesaid meeting.

Whereof fail not and make
return of this warrant with your doings thereon
to the Selectmen at or before the time and place
of the meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford
this 23rd day of October A. D. 1897.

Iwing L. Hodgden
William P. Hartwell
Willis D. Lane

Selectmen of Bedford.

I have served this warrant as directed, by posting
an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and
at the Office of the Bedford House on the 25th day of
October A. D. 1897.

Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford,
A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting. Nov 2nd 1897.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and
notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met
and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.
The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County
Officers at 6 o'clock A. M. Before opening the polls the
bullet-box was shown to be empty. After clearing the
polls for register stood at sight, and agreed with
the number of names checked on the voting list
and the number of ballots found in the bullet-box.
William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh were appointed
bullet-checkers and duly sworn.

D. Newton Hartwell was appointed teller and sworn.
After closing the polls all the ballots given in were
sorted, counted and recorded, and public declaration
thereof made and were for the following persons
namely:-

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For Governors.

William Everett of Quincy	six	votes -	6
George Fred Williams of Dedham	five	"	5
Roger Wilcott of Boston	sixty six	"	66
Blanks	three		3

Lieutenant Governor

Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke	six	"	6
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park	seven	"	7
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	sixty two	"	62
Blanks	five		5

Secretary

Charles D. Nash of Whitman	five	"	5
William M. Olin of Boston	sixty six	"	66
Bernard M. Wolf of Boston	five	"	5
Blanks	four		4

Treasurer

Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	sixty six	"	66
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham	seven	"	7
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree	four	"	4
Blanks	three		3

Auditor

Harry Douglass of Great-Barrington	five	"	5
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	sixty five	"	65
Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill	four	"	4
Blanks	six		6

Attorney General

Horace M. Knowlton of New Bedford	sixty six	"	66
William M. McClench of Gloucester	four	"	4
John A. O'Keefe of Lynn	five	"	5
Blanks	five		5

Councillor Sixth Dist

Olisha H. Shaw of Chelmsford	seventy	"	70
Blanks	ten		10

Senator Sixth Middlesex Dist.

William H. Brigham of Hudson	sixty three	"	63
Alvin Fisher of Westford	eight	"	8
Blanks	nine		9

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Representative in General Court - 17th Middlesex Dist -
 Charles E. Brown of Concord seventy votes 70
 Blanks ten 10

County Commissioner,

Samuel O. Upham of Waltham sixty three " 63
 Blanks seventeen 17

Register of Deeds,

Edwin O. Childs of Newton sixty six " 66
 Blanks fourteen 14

County Treasurer,

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville sixty five " 65
 Blanks fifteen 15

Voted: That the polls be kept open until 4.36 o'clock P.M.

Town Affairs.

Art 1st - Chose by ballot and use of check list Edwin W. Blake Moderator.

" 2nd - Voted: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
 Frederick Davis, Farmer. Andrew J. O'Neil, Tailor.
 Charles C. Gagg, Retired. David L. B. Fitch, Farmer.
 Abram E. Brown, Historian, Edward A. Butters, Farmer,
 Edmund D. Skelton, Farmer, Charles W. Kenrick, Woodworker
 John Mc Govern, Farmer, John D. Blake, Clerk,
 Quincy S. Cole, Tin Smith. Henry P. Neville, Farmer,
 Dudley Hartford, Florist, John H. Brown, Provisioner,
 Wilbur A. Stiles, Farmer.

Resolved: That the School Committee send the school barge to the residence of F. J. Lawrence, for the purpose of transporting his children back and forth from school, from the present date until the first day of April 1898, each school day.

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Resolved: That it is the wish of this meeting that the Selectmen cause the remainder of Farrell's hill from the point where the work was ended to the bottom of the hill to be gravelled in the same manner as the work already done,

Noted: To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk,

Concord Nov 12th 1897,

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative District number seventeen for Representative in General Court were as follows:-

	Bedford,	Concord,	Lincoln,	Weston,
Charles E. Brown of Concord	70	318	65	83
Thomas Todd " "			1	
John W. Cull " "		1		
J. Frank Merrill " "		1		
Benton B. Dickson Jr of Weston				1
R. Winsor " "				1

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk of Bedford
 Charles E. Brown " " Concord.
 James L. Chapin " " Lincoln
 George W. Cutting " " Weston.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 1898.

Middlesex S. S.

To Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford, Greeting:-
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the said town of Bedford, qualified
by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town
Hall of said town on Monday the Seventh day of
March next, at 9 o'clock A. M. to act on the following
articles of town affair, viz:-

- Art- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,
- " 2nd To hear reports of town officers and committees and
act on the same,
- " 3rd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing
year; the polls to be kept open for voting for said
officers the length of time the meeting may decide on,
- " 4th To vote on the following question, viz: Shall licenses
be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in
the town of Bedford? Yes or No,
- " 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing
year and make appropriations for the same,
also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropri-
ations for 1897 & 1898,
- " 6th To see what method the town will adopt for the
repair of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year,
- " 7th To designate the time and manner of collecting the
taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of
taxes for the ensuing year,
- " 8th To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes
to use all means for the collection of taxes, which
a town treasurer when appointed collector may use,

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- Ans. 9th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- " 10th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest.
- " 11th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to renew the note of \$6000. given to the city of Lowell Aug 21st 1896, the same having become badly worn.
- " 12th To see in what manner the town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- " 13th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.
- " 14th To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th of April.
- " 15th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for supplying sanitary accommodations at Shawsheen Cemetery or do any thing relating thereto.
- " 16th To see if the town will take any measures to obtain control of abandoned lots in Shawsheen Cemetery or do anything in regard to the same.
- " 17th To see if the town will adopt a plan prepared by the cemetery committee of the land given

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by Mr E. S. Loomis for cemetery extension.

Ans- 17th

" 18th

To see if the town will vote to increase the pay of members of the Fire Department from \$6, to \$10, per year.

" 19th

To see if the town will refund to the treasurer of the engine company the sum of \$25, for alterations and repairs of engine company's room already done.

" 20th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs at the engine house, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 21st

To see if the town will vote to paint the school-house the present year and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250, for the same, also to choose a committee to carry into effect the said vote.

" 22nd

To see if the town will take any action in relation to concreting the grounds around the school-house in a suitable manner, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

" 23rd

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100, for the purpose of improving the present sanitary conditions at the Union School house, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 24th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30, for the purpose of cleaning out the three cisterns known as the fire cisterns, for marking the location of the same, also to keep salt on the man holes during the winter months, or do anything relating thereto.

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- Ans- 25th To see if the town will instruct its Representative in the General Court to oppose the scheme known as a Greater Boston County or any other legislation which shall tend to dismember Middlesex Co. or disrupt its time honored institutions,
- .. 26th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to build and furnish a small building to be used as a post-house, or do anything in relation thereto,
- .. 27th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. for the purpose of providing new seats for the town hall,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands at Bedford, this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety eight.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen
William C. Hartwell	
Willis P. Lorne	
	of
	Bedford.

To the Selectmen of Bedford Mass.

I have served this warrant as directed by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also at the Post Office at Bedford on Saturday Feb 26th 1898. Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford.
A true copy Attest Charles Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 7th 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. Viz:

- Act 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list Edmund H. Blake Moderator
- 2nd Voted That the report of the several town officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on guide boards, be accepted and placed on file.
- 3rd Voted That the polls be now opened for the choice of three Selectmen, a Town Clerk, three assessors and three Fence Viewers, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one Cemetery Committee for three years, three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Surveyor of Highways and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 4.45 o'clock. Also, that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. The Moderator appointed J. Newton Hartwell teller, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year,

For

Selectmen, Irving L. Hodge^s, William P. Hartwell^s, Willis P. Lane^s
 Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Charles A. Cory^s.
 Assessors and Fence Viewers, Irving L. Hodge^s, William P. Hartwell^s, Willis P. Lane^s
 Overseer of the Poor for three years, James W. Speedy^s.
 Auditors, Wallace G. Weber^s, Edmund H. Blake^s.
 Park Commissioner for three years Elihu P. Loomis.
 School Committee for three years, Mrs Mary E. Laws.
 Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for four years Elihu P. Loomis.

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Art- 3rd

Cemetery Committee for three years, Charles W. Jenks,
Constables, Frank W. Goldard^s, Edward P. Kelly^s, Edward Walsh^s,
Funeral Undertaker, D. Newton Hartwell,
Surveyor of Highway, David L. B. Fitch^s,

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large:

Field Drivers Edward J. Skilton, David L. B. Fitch^s, William W. Mudge,
George H. Howe, Quincy S. Cole^s.

Pound Keeper, The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being,
Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson B. Cutler^s, Daniel E. Haynes^s, Charles A.
Corey^s, Charles W. Clark^s, Quincy S. Cole^s,

Surveyors of Wood and Bark, Seward S. Chase, William W. Mudge, Charles
A. Walter, George H. Howe, Charles W. Clark^s, Samuel P. Carter^s,
Willis C. Lane, Charles A. Corey^s, Daniel E. Haynes^s, Quincy S.
Cole^s, George M. Parker,

Weighers of Grain, Elihu C. Loomis, Charles W. O'Lowd,
Tice Warden, Charles W. Jenks,

Art- 4th

This article was taken up in connection with Art 3rd and
the town, Voted, That the polls be now opened for the
deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the
polls be kept open until 4.45 o'clock for the deposit of the
same. After closing the polls and counting the ballots
it was found that 114 ballots had been cast, and were as
follows. No. 114. Yn. o.

.. 5th

Voted, To raise and appropriate the following sums
of money for the ensuing year.

For Schools	\$ 4100.00
Text-books and school supplies	300.00
Roads and bridges	2500.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Incidentals and removal of snow	2500.00
Support of poor	1400.00
Soldiers relief	150.00
Care of and lighting street-lamps	450.00
Payment of interest	1000.00

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Deficiencies	\$200.00
Payment of town debt	1000.00
Fire Department	600.00
Public library	200.00
To suppress the sale of liquor	100.00
Decoration day	100.00
Care of old burying ground	25.00

Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to expend from the money appropriated for roads and bridges, an amount sufficient to procure the same quantity of broken stone as was purchased last year.

" 6th

Voted: That the highway districts be the same as adopted by the town in the year 1876 and that the money raised and appropriated be expended in the several districts as follows: Centre 40%. South 10%. West 10% North 15% East 20% Bridges 5%.

" 7th

Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 8th

Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

" 9th

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute

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- Art. 9th and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five per cent, per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.
- " 10th Voted. That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest, and to execute the note or notes of the town therefor.
- " 11th Voted. That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to renew the note of six thousand dollars given to the Treasurer of the city of Lowell, Aug 21st 1896, and now held by the First National Bank of Newport R. I.
- " 12th Voted. That the observance of Memorial Day be referred to the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Committee, and that they have full charge of same.
- " 13th Voted. That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.
- " 14th Voted. That the town do grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19th.
- " 15th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100.) dollars for sanitary accommodations at the Shawheen Cemetery, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Committee.

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Ans- 16th

Resolved, That the Cemetery Committee be directed to take any measures reasonable, in their judgment to procure a quit claim to the town of abandoned lots, or parts of lots, in Shawshien Cemetery.

" 17th

Resolved: To accept and adopt a plan prepared by the Cemetery Committee, of the land given by Mr. Elihu G. Loomis for cemetery purposes.

" 18th

Resolved: To increase the pay of the members of the Fire Department from six to ten dollars per year.

" 19th

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the Engine Company the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for repairs inside of Engine house, the same to be paid from any unexpended balance in the treasury.

" 20th

Resolved: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen for repairs on the Engine House.

" 21st

Resolved: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 22nd

Resolved: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 23rd

Resolved: That the subject-matter of article 23 be referred to the School Committee, with authority to consult with Mr. White, the State official having charge of such matters.

" 24th

Resolved: That this matter be referred to the Engineers of the Fire Department.

" 25th

Resolved: To indefinitely postpone this article.

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Art- 26th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

.. 27th Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to procure
seats for the Town Hall and that the expense of
same be paid from the appropriation for incidentals,

Voted: That the town grant the free use of the Town
Hall to the Fire Department for their annual
dance,

.. 2nd Cemetery Committee's report accepted and the
Committee given further time. The report: -
The Committee appointed at Town Meeting Decr 1897,
under article 15 of the warrant, in regard to entrance
to Shawsheen Cemetery, and receiving tomb, report
as follows: 1st. As regards receiving tomb: We do not
find the need of an enlarged receiving tomb urgent
enough at present to justify the town in incurring
the expense necessary for it. There seems to be exist-
ing at present a decided feeling in favor of an
immediate interment and for the past two years
we have had but little use for the present tomb
and while this feeling lasts the present tomb is
sufficient for the demands upon it.

2nd. As regards a suitable entrance: In this matter
your Committee ask further time as we hope at
a future meeting to submit a plan to the town
which will cover this matter in an acceptable
way. Signed Charles W. Jenks Chairman,

Report of Committee on alterations of Town Hall
accepted and the Committee given further time.
The report: - Your Committee wish to submit the
following: - The cost to enlarge the present Town
Hall by remodeling the inner front portion is
estimated at about \$635.00 which includes painting

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but not seats. It is somewhat doubtful in the mind of the majority of your Committee, whether the advantage would warrant the expense, as it would not fill all the requirements and would be of but little use later, if the main hall is enlarged (i.e. the floor space and it is felt) to accommodate the needs of the town that something much more commodious will be required. Signed Chas F. Spaulding Chairman.

Resolved: That a Committee of seven, of which three shall be members of the School Committee and four be appointed by a nominating committee to consider the necessary wants in the way of larger school accommodations and see what may be done to relieve the present over crowded rooms and report at the next regular town meeting or an earlier town meeting if thought best by the Committee.

Mr. Edwin H. Blake Moderator was appointed as nominating committee and the following persons were nominated for the above purpose, Charles F. Spaulding, Wallace G. Webber, Charles W. Jenkins and Oliver J. Lane.

Motion: To adjourn.

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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Middlesex C. C.

To Edward P. Kelly Constable of
Bedford. Meeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at six o'clock A. M. at which time the polls will be opened (and they must be kept open four hours at least) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General an Auditor, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the sixth Councillor District, a Senator for the Sixth Middlesex District, a Representative in the General Court for the Seventeenth Middlesex District, a County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners for Middlesex County, a District Attorney, a Register of Probate and Insolvency and a Sheriff for Middlesex County, a Representative in Congress from the fourth Congressional District

Also to act on the following articles relating to town affairs, viz: -

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.
- " 2nd To act on the revision and acceptance of a list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
- " 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the claim

- Ans 3rd of William L. Dutton and Mary Jackson against the town for land damages allowed by the Selectmen in the laying out of Sweetwater Avenue, or do any thing in relation thereto.
- " 4th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of procuring tree protectors for the shade trees on the highways and public grounds, or do any thing in relation thereto.
- " 5th To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to have the school barge run in the East-part of the town, go to the house of Frank T. Lawrence, commencing at once and continuing until the close of the school term.
- " 6th To see if the town will take any action in regard to altering the front-door of the town hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the same, or do any thing in relation thereto.

The time for acting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Whereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 29th day of

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898, Continued

October A D. 1898. Iwing L. Hodgdon William G. Hartwell, Willis C. Lane, Selectmen of Bedford,

Bedford Mass Nov 5th 1898

I have served the within warrant-as directed, by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the office of the Bedford House on the 31st day of October 1898.

Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford
A true copy

Attest Charles Hovey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows: The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers at six o'clock A.M. Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty. After closing the polls at 4.29 o'clock P.M. the register stood at eighty six. Eighty four ballots were found in the ballot-box and this number agreed with the number checked on the voting list and also with the list used by the Ballot-Clerks.

William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh were appointed Ballot-Clerks and duly sworn.

Edward P. Kelly was appointed teller and sworn. After closing the polls all the ballots given in were sorted, counted and recorded, and public declaration thereof made and were for the following persons, namely:

For Governor,

Alexander B. Bruce of Lawrence. Twelve Votes (12)

Winfield P. Potter of Newburyport one " (1)

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898. Continued.

Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	One Vote	(1)
Roger Moleott of Boston	Sixty nine "	(69)
Blanks	One	(1)

Lieutenant Governor.

W. Murray Cram of Dalton	Sixty one Votes	(61)
Isaac W. Skinner of Rockton	Two "	(2)
Edward J. Slattery of Frammingham	Eleven "	(11)
Blanks	Two	(2)

Secretary.

Charles H. Beadley of Haverhill	One Vote	(1)
Henry Lloyd of Boston	Twelve "	(12)
William M. Clin of Boston	Seventy "	(70)
Blanks	One	(1)

Treasurer.

Martha Moore Avery of Boston	Two Votes	(2)
Harry J. Jaguith of Willsley	Twelve "	(12)
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	Sixty eight "	(68)
Charles W. White of Winchester	One "	(1)
Blanks	One	(1)

Auditor.

Charles S. Griever of Amesbury	One Vote	(1)
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	Sixty nine "	(69)
Charles F. Parker of Boston	Twelve "	(12)
Blanks	Two	(2)

Attorney-General.

Patrick Kilroy of Springfield	Thirteen Votes	(13)
Wesley M. Knowlton of New Bedford	Sixty nine "	(69)
Blanks	Two	(2)

Councillor, Sixth Dist.

Marcellus W. Fletcher of Lowell	Fourteen Votes	(14)
L. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	Sixty seven "	(67)
Blanks	Three	(3)

Senator, Sixth Middlesex Dist.

Alvan Fisher of Bedford.	Thirteen Votes	(13)
Frank A. Patch of Bayborough	Sixty seven "	(67)
Blanks	Four	(4)

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898 Continued.

Representative in General Court, 17.th Dist

Henry L. Brown of Weston Seventy one Votes (71)
Blanks, Thirteen (13)

County Commissioner,

Francis Bigelow of Natick, Sixty nine Votes (69)
Blanks Fifteen (15)

Special Commissioners,

Truman W. Wager of Frammingham Fourteen Votes (14)
David T. Stange of Stoneham Fifty one " (51)
Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn Fifty one " (51)
George W. Van Horn of Melrose, Thirteen " (13)
Blanks Thirty nine (39)

District Attorney,

Fred N. Wier of Lowell, Sixty three Votes (63)
Blanks, Twenty one (21)

Register of Probate and Insolvency,

Samuel H. Folsom of Winchester, Sixty four Votes (64)
Blanks Twenty (20)

Sheriff

Henry C. Crushing of Lowell, Sixty four Votes (64)
Blanks Twenty (20)

Representative in Congress Fourth Dist.

J. Porter Morse of Marlborough Fourteen Votes (14)
George W. Weymouth of Fitchburg, Sixty six " (66)
Blanks Four (4)

Town Affairs.

Art-1st

Chose by ballot and use of check-list Edwin H. Blake Moderator,

" 2nd

Resolved: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen,

Frank P. Fitch, Edwin A. Hartwell, Edward P. Kelley,
Dudley Hartford, Henry P. Neville, John M^cGovern, Frank
A. Graham, Warren H. Dutton, Irving C. Waite Edwin H. Blake
Living L. Hodgdon, Matthew R. Fletcher, Dudley P. Ladd,
Samuel T. Hughes, Charles A. Corey,

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898 Continued.

- Ans- 3rd Voted: That this article be referred to the next March meeting.
- " 4th Voted: That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from any money that is, or may be in the town treasury, for the purpose of procuring protection for the shade trees on the public highways.
- " 5th Voted: That the School Committee be instructed to cause the barge run in the East-part of the town, go to the house of Frank T. Lawrence as asked for in this article.
- " 6th Voted: That the sum of twenty five dollars be appropriated from any money that is or may be in the town treasury. to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for the purpose of altering the front door of the Town Hall so that they will swing outward: preference being given to hinges that will swing both ways.

Voted: That Mr Charles F. Spaulding be added to the Committee appointed under article 23 of town meeting held Mar 7- 1898. in relation to the sanitary condition of the Union School Building.

The following report was accepted: The Committee of seven appointed at the town meeting held Mar 7. 1898. to consider the necessary wants in the way of larger school accommodations and to see what may be done to relieve the over crowded rooms; beg leave to report that at a meeting of this committee, held April 6. last. after a discussion in which the expense to the town and the probability of no immediate increase in the school population were considered, it was voted that this committee recommends that no steps be taken to enlarge the school house the coming year. Respectfully submitted
E. H. Hosmer Chairman

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1898,

Voted: That a committee be appointed consisting of the Town Treasurer and Mr. Abram E. Brown to procure a seal for the use of the Town Clerk, the same to be approved by the Board of Selectmen,

Voted: That the polls be closed at 4.29 P.M.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Concord Nov 18th 1898.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative District number Seventeen for Representative in the General Court were as follows: -

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Weston	Total
Henry L. Brown of Weston	71	319	62	117 =	569
Scattering		2	1	2 =	5
Blanks	13	111	25	20 =	<u>169</u>
					743

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk of Bedford
 Charles E. Brown " " Concord
 James L. Chapin " " Lincoln
 George W. Cutting " " Weston,

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 6th 1899.
Middlebury S. I.

To Edward B. Kelley Constable of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the town hall of said town on Monday the sixth day of March next, at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:—

- Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,
- " 2nd To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committee and act on the same,
- " 3rd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on,
- " 4th To vote on the following question, viz:— Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No,
- " 5th To raise such sums of money as may necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1898-99,
- " 6th To see what method the town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges the ensuing year,
- " 7th To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year,
- " 8th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use,

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- Art- 9th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes,
- " 10th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest,
- " 11th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses,
- " 12th To see what action the town will take in relation to the care of the street lamps,
- " 13th To see in what manner the town will vote to observe Memorial Day,
- " 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be expended on the highway in front of the house of W. B. Hughes, or do any thing in relation thereto,
- " 15th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the claim of William L. Dutton and Mary Jackson against the town for land damages allowed by the Selectmen in the laying out of Sweetwater Avenue, or do any thing in relation thereto,
- " 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs at the Town Farm buildings, or do any thing in relation thereto,
- " 17th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for grading in Shawheen Cemetery, or do

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Sur- 17th any thing in relation thereto.

" 18th To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th of April.

" 19th To see if the town will accept the provisions of section 335 of chapter 548 of the acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1898, in relation to the election of Selectmen and Assessors, or do any thing in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands at Bedford this 25th day of February A.D. 1899.

Iwing L. Hodgdon
William P. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.
Willis P. Lane

Bedford Mass Feb 25th 1899.

I have served the within warrant as directed, by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House on the 25th day of February A.D. 1899.

Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey

Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 6th 1899.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose by ballot and use of check-list George R. Blinn Moderator.

2nd Voted: That the report of the several town officers as they appear in the printed book; also the report of the Selectmen on guide boards be accepted and placed on file.

3rd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of three Selectmen, a Town Clerk, three Assessors, three Free Viewers, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one Cemetery Committee for three years, three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Surveyor of Highways, five Field Drivers, one Tree Warden, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 5:50 P.M. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee.

4th This article was taken up in connection with article three and the town Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until 5:50 P.M.

The Moderator appointed J. Newton Bartwell and William W. Goodrum tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and they were duly sworn.

Art 2nd After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year,
For Selectmen.

Arthur H. Parker, Edwin H. Blake, Frederic Parker

For Assessors

William G. Hartwell^s, Willis P. Lome^s, Irving E. Hodgdon^s.

For Fence Viewers.

Arthur H. Parker^s, Edwin H. Blake^s, Frederic Parker^s.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Charles A. Corey

For Overseer of the Poor for three years.

William B. Hughes,

For Auditors.

Wallace G. Webber^s, Arthur W. Wood^s

For Park Commissioner for three years.

Henry Wood

For School Committee for three years

Elihu P. Loomis.

For Trustees of Bedford Free Public Library for four years

Abiam English Brown.

For Cemetery Committee for three years.

Abiam English Brown.

For Constables.

Edward Walsh^s, Levi Williams^s, John E. Pomeroy^s.

For Funeral Undertaker.

D. Newton Hartwell.

For Surveyor of Highways.

David L. B. Fitch^s.

For Field Drivers.

Edward J. Skelton, David L. B. Fitch, William H. Mudge

George H. Howe, Quincy S. Cole.

For Tree Wardens

Charles W. Jones.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

For Pound Keeper

The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Emerson B. Cutler^s, Daniel E. Haynes^s, Charles A. Corey^s.

Charles H. Clark^s, Quincy S. Cole^s.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

Edward S. Chase^s, William H. Mudge^s, Charles A. Martin^s, George H.

Howe^s, Charles H. Clark^s, Samuel G. Cutler^s, Willis P. Lome^s, Charles A. Corey^s

Daniel E. Haynes^s, Quincy S. Cole^s, George H. Parker.

Town Meeting March 6th 1899, Continued.

Wigham of Bain, Elisha P. Loomis^s, Charles W. O'Dowd^s.

Art 4th

The vote on the license question was as follows;

The register stood at- 144. Whole number of ballots cast- 142;
No 138, yes 4.

.. 5th

Resolved: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money.

For Schools	\$ 4400.
Text-books and school supplies	300.
Roads and Bridges	2500.
Sidewalks	100.
Stone Bridge	100.
Incidentals and removal of snow	2500.
Support of Poor	1400.
Soldiers relief	158.42
Care of and lighting street lamps	475.
Payment of Interest	900.
Deficiencies	250.
Fire Department	650.
Town Debt	1000.
Public Library	200.
Decoration Day	125.
To suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors	100.
Care of old Burial Grounds	25.

Resolved: That the Selectmen be instructed to expend from the money appropriated for roads and bridges an amount sufficient to procure the same quantity of broken stone as purchased last year.

.. 6th

Resolved: To adopt the same method as last year for the repair of Roads and Bridges, subject to the vote passed under article fourteen.

.. 7th

Resolved: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

.. 8th

Resolved: That the Collector of Taxes be and hereby is authorized.

to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Apr 9th

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five per cent, per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

" 10th

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor.

" 11th

Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

" 12th

Voted: To refer this article to the Selectmen.

" 13th

Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

" 14th

Voted: That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated from the money raised for roads and bridges to make necessary repairs in front of the estate of William B. Hughes.

Town Meeting March 6th 1899. Continued.

- Ans- 15th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and ninety one ⁵⁰ dollars to settle the claim of William L. Dutton and Mary Jackson for land ~~damages~~ allowed by the Selectmen in the laying out of Sweetwater Avenue,
- " 16th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars, to make necessary repairs on the Town Farm buildings.
- " 17th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for grading in Shawsheen Cemetery under the direction of the Cemetery Committee.
- " 18 Voted: That the town grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting to be held on or about the nineteenth of April, under the direction of the Historical Society,
- " 19th Voted: To accept and adopt the provisions of section 335 of Chapter 548 of the acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1898 in relation to the election of Selectmen and Assessors. the same to go into effect at the next March meeting.
- Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to make the necessary repairs of the front door at the town hall and that money necessary for that purpose be paid from the incidental appropriation.
- Voted: To grant the free use of the town hall to the Fire Department for their annual ball.

Resolved: That the Cemetery Committee are hereby authorized and requested to increase the price by one hundred per cent of cemetery lots and that all front lots to one hundred dollars to purchasers from out of town.

Resolved: That the thanks of the town be, and hereby are, given to the Board of Selectmen for their faithful services in relation to the business of granting a location to the Boston and Lexington Street Railway Corporation through this town.

Moved: To adjourn.

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 20th 1899
Middlesex S. C.

To John G. Gammon, Constable of Bedford, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn, the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Saturday the twentieth day of May next, at 8 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will vote to unite with the towns of Billerica and Lincoln for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 466 of the Acts of 1898, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the deficiency fund.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Office of the Bedford House, seven days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this thirteenth day of May A.D. 1899.

Edwin H. Blake	} Selectmen of Bedford,
Frederic Parker	
Arthur H. Parker	

Warrant for Town Meeting May 20th 1899.
Bedford May 13th 1899. This certifies that I have served the
within warrant by posting attested copies of the same
as within directed.

John P. Common Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting May 20th 1899.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice
the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on
the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art- 1st Chose by ballot Edwin H. Blake Moderator,

" 2nd Voted: That the town do unite with the towns of Billerica
and Lincoln for the purpose of the employment of a Superin-
tendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 466
of the Acts of 1898.

" 3rd Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars
for the deficiency fund -

Voted: That this meeting be dissolved.

A true record. Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug 28th 1899.
Middlesex S. S.

To Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford,
Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
setts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhab-
itants of the said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote
in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town
on Monday evening August 28th 1899, at 8 o'clock to act on
the following articles of town affairs. Vizi:

Art- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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Art. 2nd To hear reports of any committees and act on the same.

" 3rd To see if the town will authorize and empower the School Committee to arrange, with the approval of the State Board of Education, a union of the town with such other towns as may be most advantageous for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 466 acts of 1898 or do anything relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town seven days at least before the holding of said meeting. Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 19th day of August 1899.

Edwin W. Blake } Selectmen
Frederic Parker } Bedford.

Bedford Aug 21st 1899.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting Aug 28th 1899

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st Chose by ballot and use of check-list Edwin W. Blake Moderator.

" 2nd No reports presented under this article.

" 3rd Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record.

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1899.

Middlesex S. S.

To Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford.

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in the Town Hall in Bedford, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be open, (and they must be kept open four hours at least,) to bring in their votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the sixth Councillor district, a Senator for the sixth Middlesex district, a Representative in the General Court, for the seventeenth Middlesex district, a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a Sheriff for Middlesex County.

Also to act on the following articles relating to town affairs, viz:-

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- " 2nd To hear reports of any committee and act thereon.
- " 3rd To act on the revision and acceptance of a list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

The time of acting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affair is fixed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doing thereon to the Selectmen, at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty eighth day of October A. D. 1899.

Edwin H. Blake } Selectmen
Arthur H. Parker } Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford Nov 6th 1899. This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same one at the Town Hall and one at the Office of the Bedford House as within directed. Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford.

own Meeting Nov 7th 1899.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at six o'clock A.M.

Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty. After closing the polls at four thirty o'clock P.M. the register stood at seventy two and this number agreed with the number of Ballots found in the box and the names checked on the voting list also the list used by the Ballot-Clerks.

William M. Goodwin and Edward Walsh were appointed Ballot Clerks and John D. Blake Teller. All were duly sworn.

After closing the polls all the ballots given in were duly sorted, counted and recorded and public declaration thereof made and were for the following persons, namely:

For Governor.

Albert B. Gould of Beverly, One	1	Vote
W. Murray Crane of Dutton, Fifty nine	59	"
Robert Treat Paine Jr of Boston, Eleven	11	"
Blanks, One	1	

Lieutenant Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston, Fifty six	56	"
John H. Black of North Adams, Twelve	12	"
Blanks	4	

Secretary

Charles W. Bradley of Haverhill, One	1	"
Henry Lloyd of Boston, Nine	9	"
William M. Olin of Boston, Fifty two	62	"

Treasurer.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Fifty	60	"
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence, Nine	9	"
Blanks	3	

Auditor.

Elbridge Gerry Bowen of Brockton, Nine	9	"
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, Fifty nine	59	"

Attorney General.

Moses M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Fifty seven	57	"
John H. Harrison of Lowell, Eleven	11	"
Linus Berles of Salem, One	1	"

Town Meeting Nov. 7th 1899.For Councillor, 6th Dist.

Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell, Eighty	8	Votes
S. Herbert-Howe of Marlborough, Eighty one	61	"
Blanks,	3	

Senator 6th Middlesex Dist.

George G. King of Concord, Nine	9	"
Frank A. Patch of Buxborough, Sixty	60	"
Blanks	3	

Representative in General Court- 17th Middlesex Dist.

Henry L. Brown of Weston, Eighty three	63	"
Alfred L. Cutting " Three	3	"
Blanks,	6	

County Commissioner

Levi S. Gould of Melrose, Sixty six	66	"
Joseph V. Schugel of Woburn, One	1	"
Blanks, Five	5	

Sheriff

John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge, Sixty six	66	"
Alfred E. Jones of Everett, One	1	"
Blanks, Five	5	

Town Affairs.

Ans- 1st-

Chas Edwin H. Blake Moderator.

2nd-

No reports presented under this article.

3rd-

Voted: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selection.

Abner E. Brown, Historian, Edward A. Butters, Farmer, Charles H.

Clark, Millwright, John Carlisle, Glazier, Charles C. Eddy, Retired,

William W. Goodwin, Painter, Samuel J. Hughes, Blacksmith, John F.

Belmont, Farmer, Dudley P. Ladd, Salesman, Harry S. Moulton, Painter,

John J. Mc Govern, Farmer, Joseph B. Mc Farland, Laborer, Andrew J.

O'Neil, Tailor, Frank H. Rowe, Laborer, Albert P. Sampson, Farmer.

Resolved.

That a committee of two be appointed to ascertain the expense of copying the first volume of the town records. By a vote of the meeting the Chairman appointed Charles W. Jenks and the Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 4.30 and at 5.30 it was Voted to adjourn.

A true record Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Concord Nov 17th 1899.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative district number Seventeen for Representative in the General Court were as follows:-

	Bedford,	Concord,	Lincoln	Wilton	Total
For Henry L. Brown of Wilton	63	328	56	103	550.
" Alfred L. Cutting "	3	35	9	53	100.
Blanks	<u>6</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>121</u>
	72	460	79	160	771

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk of Bedford.

Charles E. Brown " " Concord.

James L. Chapin " " Lincoln.

George W. Cutting " " Wilton.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 5th 1900.

Middlesex S. S. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Bedford, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, viz:

Ans. 1st

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, the polls to be kept open for voting for such officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

" 3rd

To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon; also reports of Committees and other Town Officers.

" 4th

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

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- Art 3rd To vote on the following question. viz: shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.
- " 6th To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- " 7th To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- " 8th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.
- " 9th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- " 10th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest.
- " 11th To see in what manner the town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- " 12th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.
- " 13th To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th of April.
- " 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purchase of lamps

and ports for the streets, or do anything in relation to the same.

- Ans- 15th By request of George H. Sweetnam, to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the improvement of Webber Avenue, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to macadam the South road in connection with the street railroad, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 17th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to rebuild the stone culverts on South and Lewis streets, or do anything in relation thereto.
- " 18th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to build a stone bridge in place of the wooden bridge on Wood street near the house of Wilbur A. Stiles, or do anything in relation thereto.
- " 19th To see if the town will accept ^{the gift} of a wind mill and the sum of one hundred dollars from Mr. Frederic Parker, the same to be used in Shawsheen Cemetery, and make necessary provision for the erection and support of said mill, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 20 To see if the town will take action upon the suggestions offered by the Cemetery Committee in their annual report; or do anything in regard to the support and management of said cemetery in the future, and make appropriations for the same.
- " 21st By request of Elmer E. Gray, to see if the school barge will come to the corner of Main road and Shawsheen road to accommodate the school children, or do anything in relation thereto.
- " 22nd By request of Dudley L. Pickman Esq. to see if the town will sell him the gravel pit adjoining his property on Dudley road, or do anything in relation thereto.

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- Ans 23rd By request of Charles A. Waller, to see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Firemans annual dance.
- " 24th To determine whether the town will unite with the towns of Burlington, Lincoln and Wilmington, to employ a Superintendent of schools, according to the provisions of Chapter 466. of the Acts of 1894, Public Statutes, or do anything relating thereto.
- " 25th To determine the town will meet the whole or a part of the requirements of Chapter 466, Section 1.2.3. of the Acts of 1894, Public Statutes, relating to high schools, by sending its High School pupils for a whole or a part of their course to the high school at Concord or do any thing relating thereto.
- " 26th By request of A. P. Sampson, to see if the town will continue the placing of crushed stone on the Concord road, where the surveyor left off near the estate of Wm B. Hughes, to the foot of the hill near house of John Kirkegaard.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the office of the Bedford House, eight days at least before the time of said meeting, thereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting, Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of February A.D. 1900.

Edwin H. Blake } Selectmen of Bedford.
Frederic Parker }

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford Feb 24th 1900.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the office of the Bedford House on the 24th day of February, as within directed.

A true copy

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford.

Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Mar 5th 1900.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows;

Art 1st Abst by ballot and use of check list Edwin H. Blake Moderator.

2nd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of three Selectmen one for three years, one for two years, one for one year, a Town Clerk, three Assessors one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, three Fence Viewers, one Overseer of the Poor, for three years, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one member of the Cemetery Committee for three years, three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Surveyor of Highways, one Tree Warden, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 5.50 o'clock. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee.

The Moderator appointed John D. Blake 2nd Teller, to assist in receiving and counting the votes and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Selectmen Edwin H. Blake for three years, Frederic Parker for two years and Arthur H. Parker for one year.

Fence Viewers Edwin H. Blake, Frederic Parker and Arthur H. Parker.

Town Clerk. Charles A. Corey.

Assessors of Taxes William G. Hartwell for three years, Irving L. Hodgdon for two years and Willis G. Lense for one year.

Town Treasurer. Charles A. Corey.

Collector of Taxes Abram E. Brown.

Overseers of the Poor William G. Hartwell for three years.

Auditors Wallace C. Webber and Arthur W. Wood.

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Ans- 2nd

Park Commissioner Stephen A. Wood M.D. for three years.

School Committee. Ernest W. Hosmer for three years.

Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library. George R. Blinn for four years.

Cemetery Committee. George R. Blinn for three years.

Constables, Edward Walsh, Joseph B. McFarland and Quincy S. Cole.

Funeral Undertaker, J. Newton Hartwell.

Surveyor of Highways, David L. B. Fitch.

Tree Warden, Charles W. Jenks.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Field Officers, Edward J. Skilton, David L. B. Fitch, William H. Bridge

George H. Howe and Quincy S. Cole.

David Keper. The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles A. Carey.

Charles H. Clark, Quincy S. Cole.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark, Seward S. Chase, William H. Bridge, Charles A. Waller.

George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Samuel C. Carter, Willis G. Lorne, Charles

A. Carey, Daniel E. Haynes, Quincy S. Cole, George H. Parker, Jos. E. Swiney.

Weighers of Grain, Elisha G. Loomis, Charles W. O'Leary.

Ans- 3rd

Resolved: That the report of the several Town Officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on quide boards be accepted and placed on file.

Ans- 4th

Resolved: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year. For Schools \$4400. Text-books and school supplies \$300. Roads and bridges \$2500. Sidewalks \$100.

Incidentals and removal of snow \$2500. Support of Poor \$1400. Soldier relief \$173.91. Care of and lighting street lamps \$475. Deficiencies \$550. Fire Department 650. Public Library \$225. Decoration Day \$125. To suppress the sale of liquor \$100. Care of old burying ground \$25.

The following amounts were appropriated from money that is or may be in the treasury, For formation of school district \$250. Payment of interest \$700. Payment of town dept-1000. Land damage \$225.

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Resolved, That the selectmen be instructed to procure an amount not exceeding five hundred tons of broken stone from the amount appropriated for roads and bridges.

- Ans. 5th. This article was taken up in connection with article two and the town. Resolved. That the polls be now open for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until 5.30 o'clock for the deposit of the same. After closing the polls and counting the ballots, it was found that seventy nine ballots had been cast and were as follows: Yes 1. No 78.
- " 6th. Resolved; That the highway districts be the same as adopted by the town in the year 1876. and that the money raised and appropriated be expended in the several districts as follows: Centre, forty per cent; South, ten per cent; West, ten per cent; North, fifteen per cent; East, twenty per cent; Bridges, five per cent.
- " 7th. Resolved; That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes for the year 1900. be five per cent. and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.
- " 8th. Resolved; That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.
- " 9th. Resolved; That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding

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- (A) 9th five per cent. per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present-municipal year.
- " 10th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor.
- " 11th Voted: That this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- " 12th Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.
- " 13th Voted: To grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th of April.
- " 14th Voted: That this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen with authority to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars from any money that is, or may be, in the treasury.
- " 15th Voted: That this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.
- " 16th Voted: That in the matter of macadamizing South Street from the Great road to Loomis Street, in connection with the Street-railway, the same be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to contract for the same, and that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the same; the sum of five hundred dollars, be taken from the amount raised

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- Ans- 16th and assessed the present year for the repair of highways and the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the balance and give the towns note for the same.
- " 17th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to rebuild the stone culverts on South and Loomis Streets,
- " 18th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for a stone bridge on Wood Street near the house of Wilbur A. Stiles.
- " 19th Voted: That this article be referred to the Cemetery Committee, with instructions to report at a future meeting.
- " 20th Voted: That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the support and management of Shawshen Cemetery.
- " 21st Voted: That the School Committee be instructed to have the school bays come to the corner of Main and Shawshen Roads to accommodate the school children.
- " 22nd Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen with full power.
- " 23rd Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Tinnans annual dance.
- " 24th Voted: That the town do unite with the towns of Burlington Lincoln and Wilmington to employ a Superintendent of Schools, according to the provisions of Chap 456 of the Acts of 1898 Public Statutes.
- " 25th Voted: That the town meet the requirements of Chap 496 Acts of 1898 Public Statutes, relating to high schools, by sending its high school pupils to the high school at Concord or Lexington for the whole of their course, beginning with the beginning of

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Ans. 25th the next school year in Concord or Lexington, and that the town pay for the tuition of such pupils.

.. 26th Voted: That the town do continue the placing of crushed stone on the Concord Road, from where the Surveyor left off near the estate of Mr B. Hughes to the foot of the hill near the house of John Kirkegaard.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to hire a steam roller when needed on the highways.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Charles A. Corey died September 9, 1900

I hereby certify that I have this day delivered to Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk, elect, of Bedford, all of the records and books of said Town formerly in the custody of Charles A. Corey, deceased on Sept. 9, 1900

Edwin H. Blake, Chairman of Selectmen.

Bedford: Sept. 26, 1900,

Sworn to by Edwin H. Blake
before me.

Arthur H. Parker
Justice of the Peace

A true record, attest, Abram E. Brown, Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting. September 26 1900.

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants
of said Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in
Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said
Bedford on Wednesday Evening September 26, 1900
at 8 o'clock, then and there to act on the following
articles Viz: -

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2^d. To choose a clerk to serve the Town until the next
annual March meeting.

" 3^d. To choose a Treasurer to serve the town until the next
annual March meeting.

" 4th. To see if the Town will choose a Collector to collect
all unpaid Taxes or do anything in relation
to the same.

" 5th. To see if the town will reimburse its Collector
of Taxes for the amount of \$20.⁵⁰/₁₀₀, paid for
surety on his bond.

" 6th. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the
Cemetery Committee to make changes in the Cemetery
plan, or do anything in relation thereto.

" 7th. To see if the town will do any thing towards
improvements in the Cemetery by providing
a water supply or any other needed appliances.

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Art 8th To see if the Town will instruct its Treasurer to invest ~~invest~~ such Cemetery Trust Funds that have been deposited since February 1. 1900, or may be deposited in the future to the amount of \$500. or any other sum in Cemetery improvements.

" 9th To see if the Town will adopt some measure for providing a water supply for the Town or do any thing in relation to the same.

and You are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk's office at or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this fifteenth day of September A.D. 1900.

Edwin H. Blake } Selectmen
Frederic Parker }
Arthur H. Parker } Bedford.

Bedford, September 16th 1900.

I hereby certify that I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Edward Walsh, Constable Bedford.

Town Meeting September 26. 1905.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows.

Art. 1st Chosen by ballot, and use of check list Edmund H. Blake, Moderator.

The formal announcement of the death of Charles A. Corey, Town Clerk and Treasurer was made and the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Charles W. Jenks.

Resolutions on the death of Charles A. Corey. Resolved — "In the death of Charles A. Corey, our efficient town officer for many years, Bedford has lost an official of integrity and marked fidelity, always courteous in his relations with his fellow townsmen, a citizen interested in the welfare of the town, a man of good judgment whose advice in public and private affairs was highly esteemed, who was ever ready to serve all who made demand on him, and was regarded as a personal friend by those with whom he came in contact. We treasure his memory and extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement."

Resolved That this resolution be inscribed on our town records and a copy be sent to his family."

Art. 2^d } Voted to act on these articles together and that the
Art. 3^d } polls be kept open until 9 o'clock.

The ballot resulted in the election of
Town Clerk Abram E. Brown - (sum),
Town Treasurer Henry D. Lyons (sum)

Art. 4th Voted to indefinitely postpone this article and refer the subject to the Selectmen.

Town Meeting September 26, 1900. Continued.
 art. 5th. Voted. that the Town reimburse their tax collector for the amount paid for his surety on bond, and that the sum of twenty and ⁵/₁₀₀ dollar for that purpose be drawn from any unexpended balance now in the Treasury.

art. 6th Voted. to instruct and authorize the Cemetery Committee to make such changes in the Cemetery Plan as may in their judgment seem expedient.

art. 7th Voted - that the Cemetery Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to make such improvements in the appliances of Shawshen Cemetery as in their judgment may seem expedient.

art. 8th Voted. that the Treasurers of the Town is hereby instructed to invest such sums of money as have been deposited in the Treasury since February 1, 1900, or may be deposited in the future for the perpetual care of Lot in Shawshen Cemetery, to an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars, in improving the facilities of said Cemetery under the direction of the Cemetery Committee, and that interest thereon be charged to the Cemetery fund.

Voted. that the thanks of the Town be and hereby are extended to Mr. Frederic Parker for his generous offer of appliances for Shawshen Cemetery.
 (He offered a wind mill and children of one hundred dollars)

art. 9th Voted - that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to obtain for the Town of Bedford, without cost, what information they can in relation to the introduction of a water system for the inhabitants of said Town, and that the committee make a report at the regular November meeting of the present year.

Water Committee W. G. Webber, Charles W. Jenks, E. G. Loomis, Frederic Parker, C. F. Spaulding. Voted to examine a true record, attested Abram E. Brown Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, November 6, 1900.

Middlesex, S. S. To Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford,
Grating:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford, on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at six o'clock P. M., at which time the Polls will be open (and they must be kept open four hours at least) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Election of President and Vice President of the United States; a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth; a Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Representative in Congress for the 4th District; Councillor; Senator for the 6th, Middlesex district; Representative in General Court for the 17th Middlesex District; a Register of Deeds for the South Middlesex District; a Treasurer, and a County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex.

Also to act on the following articles relating to Town affairs viz:-

Art. I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. II. To hear and act upon reports of Committees and resolutions.

Art. III. To act on the revision and acceptance of a list of persons to serve or juron or presented by the Selectmen.

Art. IV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Auditor to have printed in the next annual Town book, a list of all unpaid taxes assessed before May 1st, 1900, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. V. To see if the Town will vote to have the auditor

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print in the next annual Town book, the law in regard to the licensing of dogs or do anything in relation thereto.

The time for acting on the matter in this warrant, relating to Town Affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock p.m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested ^{copy} of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

And fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this twenty-seventh day of October, A.D. 1900

Edwin H. Blaker } Selectmen
Arthur H. Parker } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford, November 6, 1900 -

This certifies that I have served the within warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh,

Constable of Bedford.

a true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

attest: Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Bedford, November 6, 1900 -

Town Meeting, November 6, 1900 -

Meeting called to order at time specified in the warrant (6 o'clock A.M.) by the town clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh, who had been appointed ballot clerks, were sworn by the town clerk, who delivered to them a sealed package, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, said to contain 300 ballots, and took their receipt therefor; also delivered to them a copy of the voting list signed by the registrar of voters.

The ballot box was shown to be empty and the pay chief delivered to the constable in attendance, and the chairman of selectmen declared the polls open, and the balloting commenced.

At 3-30 P.M. on unanimous consent of the selectmen and town clerk, the ballot box was opened and 50 ballots taken therefrom, and the teller commenced their labor.

Subsequently, ballots were taken from the box as follows - at 4 P.M. 100.

at 3.50 P.M. it was voted to close the polls at sunset, 4.33 p.m.

at the close of the polls there was found to be in the ballot box 8 ballots, showing that 158 ballots had been cast; the voting list used by the ballot clerks showed 158 names checked; the check used by the town clerk showed 158 names checked, but the register on the ballot box stood at 162, there having been an imperfect register made through the failure of the appliances of the box.

After the teller had completed their labor, the following result of the balloting was announced by the chairman of the selectmen - Edmund H. Blake.

For Election of President and Vice President,
at Large.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson	of Cambridge	30
Thomas J. Lagan	of Boston	30
Charles S. Griener	of Amherst	—
Hubert L. Wood	of Brockton	—
Patrick O'Keefe	of Salem	—
John A. Henley	of Lynn	—
Roger Wolcott	of Boston	109
William Whiting	of Holyoke	109
Edward Kirdall	of Cambridge	4
John Barcom	of Williamstown	4
Blanks		30

District Number one.

William Nugent	of Pittsfield	30
Leon S. Oliver	of Westfield	—
Henry Koppke	of Holyoke	—
James W. Loomis	of Holyoke	109
Thomas A. Russell	of Amherst	4
Blanks		15

District Number Two.

Charles J. Bellamy	of Springfield	30
William H. Lawler	of Springfield	—
James Noonan	of Springfield	—
Charles E. Stevens	of Ware	109
Oliver W. Cobb	of East Hampton	4
Blanks		15

District Number Three

Eben S. Stevens	of Dudley	30
Charles E. Penner	of Worcester	—
Walter J. Hoar	of Gardner	—
Josiah Perry	of Dudley	109
William W. Nash	of Worcester	4
Blanks		15

District Number Four.

Robert E. Bisbee of Reppond	30
John P. McDonald of Clinton	—
Francis W. Taylor of Fitchburg	—
Josiah P. Thatcher of Littleton	109
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston	4
Blanks 15	

District Number Five

Nathan D. Pratt of Lowell	30
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen	—
John L. Bradley of Woburn	—
William Beggs of Woburn	109
William W. Thurman of Lowell	4
Blanks 15	

District Number Six

Arthur Withington of Newburyport	30
George L. Evans of Haverhill	—
Burtin C. Wordbury of Haverhill	—
Arthur D. Story of Essex	109
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	4
Blanks 15	

District Number Seven

Thomas E. Dwyer of Wakefield	30
Ernest W. Johnson of Lynn	—
John Welton of Chelsea	—
George L. Morse of Melrose	109
George H. Harwood of Lynn	4
Blanks 15	

District Number Eight

Henry T. Schaefer of Winchboro	30
John A. Aitken of Cambridge	—
Herman W. A. Raasch of Boston	—
William H. Dyer of Boston	109
George E. Crosby of Melford	4
Blanks 15	

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District Number nine

Thomas J. Kunan of Boston	30
Morris Kaplan of Boston	—
William H. Young of Boston	—
Henry C. Richardson of Boston	109
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	4
Blank	15

District Number Ten

Richard Sullivan of Boston	30
William M. Packard of Quincy	—
William H. Carroll of Boston	—
John Shaw of Quincy	109
Samuel S. Smith of Quincy	4
Blank	15

District Number Eleven

John W. Lee of Boston	30
David M. Chase of Boston	—
C. Arvid Olson of Hyde Park	—
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	109
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	4
Blank	15

District Number Twelve

Albert W. Worthen of Weymouth	30
Samuel L. Smith of Brockton	—
Thomas L. Leonard of Taunton	—
William W. Blackmar of Hingham	109
Edward G. Knight of Hull	4
Blank	15

District Number Thirteen

Charles E. Codman of Barnstable	30
Lawrence Roet-tinger of New Bedford	—
Wright-Wild of Fall River	—
Edmund Anthony Jr. of Fairhaven	109
Elijah Humphreys of New Bedford	3
Edward W. Mayo Emerson of Concord	1
Blank	15

For Governor

Michael J. Berry of Haverhill	1
Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	3
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	103
John M. Fisher of Attleborough	2
Robert Frost Bain Jr. of Boston	20
Blanks	29

For Lieutenant Governor

John L. Bates of Boston	108
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton	22
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg	—
Moritz E. Richter of Holyoke	1
George Wrenn of Springfield	—
Blanks	27

For Secretary

Addison W. Barr of Worcester	3
Alfred E. Jones of Everett	—
William M. Olin of Boston	106
William H. Partridge of Huxton	1
Luther Stephenson of Hingham	19
Blanks	29

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	105
Joseph L. Chalfour of Lowell	21
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford	1
Fred A. Magley of Springfield	1
Stephen C. Shoughmurray of Boston	1
Blanks	29

For Auditor

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton	22
Frank Albin Foxs Lion of Worcester	1
William G. Merrill of Malden	2
Henry E. Lurner of Malden	98
Frank S. Walsh of Brockton	—
Blanks	35

For Attorney General

John A. Billings of Rockland	1
Allen Coffin of Nantucket	1
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield	20
Harold M. Knowlton of New Bedford	104
Frank Mac Donald of Stoneham	1
Blanks	31

For Councillor - Sixth District

S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	100
John J. Mahoney of Lowell	21
Edmund S. Mayo of Everett	2
Blanks	35

For Senator - Sixth District

Frank L. Blood of Groton	25
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford	102
Blanks	31

For Representative in General Court
Seventeenth District.

Wallace M. Brooks of Lincoln	3
John A. Farrar of Lincoln	103
Edward M. Kenna of Concord	24
Blanks	28

For County Commissioner
Middlesex

Truman W. Hagar of Framingham	22
John A. Donnell of Woburn	2
Samuel C. Upham of Waltham	98

For Representative in Congress
Fourth District

Charles D. Loring of Framingham	27
Charles D. Tirrell of Natick	100
Blanks	31

For Register of Deeds
Southern District

Edmund C. Child of Newton	103
Charles A. Johnson of Somerville	7
Blanks	48

For County Treasurer.	
Albert M. Grant of Everett	—
Joseph C. Hayden of Somerville	102
Blanks	47

after the announcement of the foregoing vote, the ballots cast and the tally sheet and check list used were sealed and indorsed as required by law, the returns were filled out and sealed, and the meeting declared dissolved at 7-45 o'clock.

Town Affairs.

Art. I Chose by ballot and use of check list
Edwin H. Blake, moderator

Art. II. The committee chosen to investigate the question of a public water supply made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table until the annual town meeting of March 1901.

A vote of thanks was passed for the committee in recognition of their faithful service in the investigation of the water question.

said committee being

Wallace G. Webber; Frederic Parker.

Charles W. Jenkins; Charles F. Spaulding.

Art. III. The following resolution, offered by Albert P. Sampson was unanimously adopted.

Resolved - That it is the sense of this town meeting that the Selectmen be instructed, not to place any name on the jury list, of persons who have not paid their poll tax within two years.

The list of jurors offered by the Selectmen was referred to a committee consisting of Albert P. Sampson, Stephen P. Woodville and Charles F. Spaulding. Upon a

favourable report of the committee. The list was approved, and is as follows-

Samuel G. Carter,	Painter.
Warren H. Dutton,	Farmer.
Frederic Davis,	Farmer.
Norbert M. English,	Carpenter.
Frank P. Hitch,	Farmer.
Quincy Hartford,	Florist.
Samuel J. Hughes,	Blacksmith
William G. Hartwell,	Wood Dealer
Fay L. Kenrick,	Painter
Hiram Lam,	Salesman
John J. Mc Gowan,	Farmer
Mason J. Norton,	"
Wilbur A. Stebbins,	"
John H. Truholm,	"
Charles H. Wood,	"
John L. Ireland,	"

- Art. IV. Voted, that the auditors cause to be printed in the annual town book, of February 1, 1901 a list of all unpaid taxes, assessed before May 1st, 1900, ^{and that the selectmen notify each delinquent taxpayer of this action, at least two weeks before Feb. 1, 1901}
- Art. V. Voted, that the auditors cause to be printed in the annual town book, of February 1, 1901 the law in relation to the Licensing of Dogs.

The meeting for town business was adjourned at 3-30 p.m.

a true record

Attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

Concord, November 16. 1900.

Vote of Middlesex District
No. 17, for Representative to the General Court as determined
and declared at the Town Clerk's office meeting held at
Concord Nov. 16. 1900, at 12 o'clock P.M.

John F. Farrar Lincoln	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Wilton	Total
Edward M. Kenna - Concord	24	249	36	25	334
Wallace M. Brooks - Lincoln	3	15	22	25	65
Blanks	28	100	12	44	184
John F. Farrar Lincoln	<u>103</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>809</u>
	158	808	158	268	1392

and two certificates of election were filled out for John F. Farrar
of Lincoln and signed by

Charles E. Brown Town Clerk Concord.
James L. Chapin " " Lincoln
George W. Cutting " " Wilton
Abram E. Brown " " Bedford.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 14. 1900.

Middlebury S.S.

To either of the constables of Bedford Meeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Saturday evening the fourteenth day of April 1900, at 8.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, of town business. viz:-

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the purpose of macadamizing South Street, and in putting in drains and Catch Basins, as recommended by the Engineer who has surveyed said street and do anything in relation to the same.

Art 3rd To see if the town will rescind its vote, passed March 5th last, to abolish the High School, or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Office of the Bedford House, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hand at Bedford, this seventh day of April A.D. 1900. Edmund H. Blake }
Frederic Parker } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlebury, S.S. Bedford, April 7. 1900.
This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, and near the office of the Bedford House or within view of the same, on the 7th day of April 1900.

Town Meeting, April 14, 1900

Art 1st. Chose by ballot and use of check list Edwin H. Blake, Moderator

Art 2nd. That in the matter of macadamizing South Street from the Great Road to Loomis Street, in connection with the Street railway, that the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000) be appropriated for that purpose in addition to the amount appropriated at the Meeting of March 5, 1900, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the same and give the Town note therefor.

Art 3rd. Voted: To rescind the vote passed, March 5 last to abolish the High School.

Voted: That a Committee of seven be appointed to take this article in relation to the High School under consideration and to report at an adjourned meeting, and that three of the said committee consist of the Board of School Committee.

Voted, that the Chair appoint a nominating committee of three to bring in a list of four persons to act with the School Committee in this matter.

The Chair appointed W. G. Webber, C. L. Spaulding and Fredrick Parker who brought in a list of the following persons.

A. W. Wood, George H. Sweetman, A. E. Brown and D. B. Ladd.

Voted: That when we adjourn it be for four weeks from this date at 8 o'clock.

Resolved That the Selectmen be requested to see that ball playing be prohibited on the public streets, and that the Town Clerk send a copy of this resolution to each school teacher to be read to the schools.

Voted to adjourn

Adjourned Meeting, May 12. 1900

Art 3d.

Town met agreeable to adjournment and transacted business as follows.

Voted: That it is the sense of this meeting that the town do pay for the transportation of pupils to Concord High School.

Mr. E. G. Loomis, in behalf of the majority of the investigating committee made an extended report which was accepted and ordered on file.

Abram E. Brown, in behalf of the minority of the investigating committee made a report which was accepted and ordered on file.

Voted To reconsider the vote whereby the town voted to rescind its vote passed at Town Meeting of March 5.

Voted not to rescind.

Voted To adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting, May 28. 1900
Middlebury S. C.

To either of the constables of Bedford.
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the twenty eighth day of May next at 8 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, Viz: -

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d. To see if the town will take any action or authorize its Board of Selectmen to take any action in regard to the separation of grades of the Boston and Maine Railroad and the Concord Road, at or near the West Bedford crossing in said Bedford, or do anything in relation to the same.

Continued: Warrant for Town Meeting May 28. 1900

Art. 3^d

To see if the town will authorize its Board of Selectmen to execute in its name and behalf a contract with the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company and others in relation to the separation of grades of the Boston and Maine Railroad and the Concord Road at or near the West Bedford Crossing in said Bedford. or do anything in relation to the same.

Art 4th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money to carry out its part of any agreements authorized under the preceding articles or do any thing in relation to the same.

Art 5th

To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of paying the transportation of pupils to and from the High School at Concord. Either upon the steam cars or cars of the Electric Railway or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office. Seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Edwin H. Blodgett } Selectmen
Frederic Parker }
Arthur H. Parker } Bedford

Middlesex S. L. May 11. 1900

This certifies that I have served the above warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office as within directed

Edward Walsh
Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting May 28. 1900
 Art 1st chosen by ballot and one of chief list Edmund H. Balch, moderator.

Art 2nd Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to file necessary petitions and take other necessary action to procure the general separation of the grade of the Boston & Maine R.R. and the Concord Road at what is known as West Bedford Crossing in Bedford provided that the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company will forgoe with the Town of Bedford to pay the sum of seven thousand dollars \$7,000 to work said Separation.

Art 3rd Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to execute the necessary contract with the Boston & Maine R.R. Co.; the Lexington & Boston Street Railway Co.; the Commonwealth or any of the above parties; or other necessary parties looking to such a Separation.

Art 4th Voted: That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum necessary to pay ten (10) percent of the sum required under the preceding votes for said construction, being the towns proportion of the same.

Art 5th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, \$300, for the purpose of paying for transportation of pupils to the High Schools of adjoining towns.

memo. The above record beginning with page 73. is made from minutes of the proceedings at the Town Meeting taken by Charles A. Corey, and found unrecorded after his death.

Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 4, 1901.

To Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford,
Meeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the said town, qualified by law
to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town
Hall of said town on Monday, the fourth day
of March next, at 9 o'clock P. M., to act on the
following articles of town affairs, viz.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear reports of Town Officer and Committee and
act on the same.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officer, for the ensuing
year. The polls to be kept open for voting
for said officers the length of time the meeting
may decide on.
- Art. 4. To vote on the following question, viz., shall licenses
be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors
in the Town of Bedford? Yes or No.
- Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be
necessary to defray the expenses of the town
for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations
for the same, also to provide for the deficiencies in
the appropriations for 1900-1901.
- Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the
repair of the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting
the taxes, and fix the compensation of the
Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

- Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collecting Taxes
 And use all means for the Collection of Taxes, which a
 Town Treasurer, when appointed ^{Collector} Treasurers may use
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurers,
 with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to
 borrow money in anticipation of taxes,
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurers
 to borrow money to pay any part of the Town
 debt, which may be called for, or to refund
 any part of the Town debt at a lower rate of
 interest.
- Art. 11. To see for what purpose the Town will
 appropriate the money received from
 Dog licenses.
- Art. 12. To see what action the Town will take in
 relation to strut camp.
- Art. 13. To see in what manner the Town will vote to
 observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
 a sum of money sufficient to pay the claim
 of Hiram L. Dutton, against the Town for
 land damage, allowed by the Selectmen in
 the laying out of Swat-moor Avenue, or do
 anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will grant the free use
 of the Town Hall for a Patriotic meeting under
 the direction of the Historical Society. To be
 held on or about the 9th of April.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
 a sum of money for the purchase of a new
 Hearse, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
 a sum of money for a new floor for the Town
 Hall, or do anything relating thereto.

- Art. 18. To see if the Town will approve the records in the Town Clerk's book, recorded from the minutes of the last Clerk, Chas. A. Coray, by Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the Union School Building, or do anything relating thereto.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the Bonds of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Watering Cart and Sewer Pump, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to invest a larger sum of Cemetery Trust Funds in Cemetery improvements than he was authorized to do at the last Town meeting.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to make some change in the Price of Lots in Shaw's Creek Cemetery, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Chemical Fire Engine, or a number of Fire Extinguishers, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of a Wax Treated Hose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to pay an annual Salary to the Dealer of weights and Measures, as provided by Section 23.

Chapter 60, Public Statutes, or do anything in relation
to the same.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will grant the free use of
the Town Hall for the Pine man's Annual Dance.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to make some repairs
on the Town Hall, and appropriate for the same.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will grant the free use of the
Town Hall for the annual Concert held by the
Schools on or about Feb. 21st.

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting an attested copy of the
same at the Town Hall, and at the Post
Office, seven days at least before the time
of said meeting.

Shoefail not, and make return
of this warrant, with your doings thereon,
to the Town Clerk, at or before the time
of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford,
this twenty-third day of February A.D. 1901.

Edwin H. Blake
Frederic Parker
Arthur H. Parker,

Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlebury Vt. Bedford March 4. 1901.

This certifies that I have served the
within warrant by posting an attested
copy of the same at the Town Hall
and Post Office. as within directed

Edward Welch Constable Bedford
a True Copy Attest

Abram E. Brown
Town Clerk

Town Meeting, March 4, 1901.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows.

Art. 1. Chose by ballot and use of check list
Edwin H. Blake, Moderator.

Art. 2. ^{Report of Committee on preservation of Record Books made by C. W. Jenks}
^{accepted and committee granted further time}
Select men made report on Duick Board, accepted.
Reports of all Town Officers, printed in Annual Book made and ordered filed after being accepted.
The following Resolution offered by Albert B. Sampson was adopted. Viz:

Resolution: That in the future the Town Auditors shall cause to be printed in the annual book, a list of all taxes that are more than one year old, and unpaid.

Resolution: The following resolution offered by Mr. Charles W. Jenks was adopted. Viz:
That the Treasurer shall pay no bills to individuals, who are at the time owing bills to the town which are then due.

Art. 3. Voted. That the polls be now opened for the choice of ONE Selectman for 3 years; a Town Clerk, one Assessor for three years; three fence viewers, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, two Auditors; one Park Commissioner for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, three constables; one Annual Undertaker, one Surveyor of Highways, one Tree Warden, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 6.50 o'clock.

also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee.

The Moderator appointed John D. Blake, 2d. teller, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and he was duly sworn by the Moderator. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Selectman	Arthur H. Parker for 3 years.
Finance Union	Edwin H. Blake ^s , Frederic Parker ^s , Arthur H. Parker ^s .
Town Clerk	Abram E. Brown ^s .
Assessor & Taxen.	Willis G. Lane for 3 years.
Town Treasurer	Henry D. Lyons ^s .
Collector of Taxes	Abram E. Brown.
Overseer of the Poor for 3 yrs.	Harry E. Moulton ^s for 3 years.
Auditors	Wallace G. Webber ^s & Arthur W. Wood.
Park Comr.	Elihu G. Loomis for 3 years.
School Com.	Mrs. Winifred B. T. Simonds for 3 years.
Trusts & Bedford Free Public Library	for 4 years. Charles W. Jenks.
Cemetery Com.	Charles W. Jenks for 3 years.
Constables	Edward Walsh ^s , David W. Fitch ^s , Charles A. Walter ^s .
General Enrolment	L. Newton Hartwell.

Officers elected. Doings of Town Meeting. March 4, 1901

Surveyor of Highways. David L. B. Fitch.^s

Town Warden Charles W. Jenks.

The following Officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Field Officers Edward J. Skilton, David L. B. Fitch, William H. Mudge,
George H. Howe, Lucy S. Cole.

Board of Supervisors The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the timbering.
William Thompson.^s

Surveyors C. Willard Postbridge, Daniel E. Haynes, Chas. H. Clark.
Lumber Lucy S. Cole, Howard M. Wood.

Surveyors Wood & Bark. Howard M. Wood, George H. Howe, Willis F. Lane,
William H. Mudge, Charles H. Clark, Charles L. Flint,
George M. Parker, Charles A. Wallis, Samuel F. Carter,
Daniel E. Haynes, Joseph E. Sweeney.

Meigham Elihu G. Loomis, Charles W. O'Dowd.
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Art. 4. This article was taken up in connection with article 3. and the Town voted, That the polls be now open for the deposit of ballots on the license question. and that the polls be kept open until 5.50 o'clock. for the deposit of the same. After closing the polls, and counting the ballots it was found that ninety three ballots had been cast, and were as follows -
Yes 2, No. 91.

Art. 5

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sum of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Appropriation

For Schools \$4600; Text Books and Supplies, \$200.
Roads & Bridges \$2500. (out of the same the Selectmen shall procure an amount, not exceeding five hundred tons of broken stone to be used on high ways)
Side walks \$150; Incidentals and removing snow \$2500. Support of Poor \$1400. Soldier's Relief \$51.
Strat Camp \$300. Interest \$500. Deficiency \$350.
Fire Department \$500. Public Library \$225.
Observance of Memorial Day \$100. Old Burying Ground \$25. Shawsham Cemetery \$100.
Suppression of Sale of Liquor. \$100.

It was voted to appropriate \$7000 of money now in the Treasury to payment of Town Debt.

Art. 6.

Voted: That the Highway and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner as last year, excepting that the Highway Surveyor be allowed to use his judgment as to the distribution of the money, and not be confined to any particular percentage for any one particular location.

Art. 7.

Time and
manner for
collecting taxes.

Voted: That Single Poll Taxes are payable on demand. all other taxes if one half is paid before or on the second Wednesday of October 1901 and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday of January 1902, a deduction of six percent will be allowed. If the parish installment is not paid promptly the whole tax will be demanded and collected accordingly. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be collected on the whole amount. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two percent upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury.

Compensation
to
Tax Collector

Continued

Art. 7

Continued

Voted: That the Selectmen and Collector of Taxes follow the letter of the law in the collection of back Taxes.

Art. 8.

Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

Art. 9.

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes for the present Municipal Year. The Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made with interest thereon, not exceeding five percent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes for the present Municipal Year.

Art. 10.

No action taken beyond indefinite postponement.

Art. 11

Voted: That the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Free Public Library.

Art. 12.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for support of street lamps.

Art. 13

Voted: That the observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 14

Voted: That the sum of \$226, that is or may be in the Treasury be appropriated to the payment

- Art. 14. Land damages awarded by the Selectmen to
 Continued: Hiram L. Dutton for land taken in laying out
 Swatwater Avenue.
- Art. 15. Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall to the
 Historical Society as requested.
- Art. 16. Indefinitely postponed.
- Art. 17. 928 Referred to a Committee of five, who shall
 investigate and report at an adjourned meeting.
 Committee on Again of Town Hall.
 Edward A. Hartwell; Oliver J. Lane; Frank W. Goldard,
 Charles J. Spaulding; Albert P. Sampson.
- Art. 18. Voted: To approve the records made from minutes
 left by the late Charles A. Gray, Town Clerk
 and entered in this record book by Abram
 E. Brown, Town Clerk for the time being.
- Art. 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of
 three hundred dollars to pay for Union School
 Building.
- Art. 20. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of
 forty-one dollars to purchase the bonds for the
 Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 21. Referred to a Committee of three to investigate
 and report at a future meeting.
 Committee on Water Cask Pump.
 Committee are: Charles J. Spaulding
 Dudley B. Ladd
 Elisha G. Loomis
- Art. 22. Voted: That the Treasurer may visit Cemetery
 Trust funds that may be deposited in the
 future with the Town. To an amount
 additional of five hundred dollars when
 recommended by the Cemetery Committee
 in making improvements in Shawheen
 Cemetery.

Continued

Art. 23. *Valid:* That lots in Shawsham Cemetery may be sold to non residents for a price, one hundred percent in advance of the price charged residents of the town, and also the deposit of a Trust fund for perpetual care of the lots purchased. No Trust fund less than fifty dollars to be accepted, the amount beyond that to be decided by the Cemetery Committee.

Art. 24. The subject of a Chemical Fire Engine etc. was referred to a committee of three. To investigate and report at an adjourned meeting. Committee are - Wallace G. Webber, A. Elmer Blake, Charles F. Spaulding.

Art. 25. The subject of Wax Treated Hose referred to a committee of three, who shall investigate, and also consider the matter of a Tank for drying Hose, and report at an adjourned meeting. A. P. Sampson, W. G. Webber, E. A. Hartwell.

Art. 26. *Valid:* To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars to pay Annual Salary to the Deans of Weights and Measures, as required by Sec. 23. Chapter 65, Public Statutes.

Art. 27. *Valid:* To grant the request.

Art. 28. *Valid:* To grant the request.

A communication from George H. Wetherham upon the subject of Public Water Supply was read by Oliver J. Lane, and it was *Valid:* To accept and place it on the table.

Valid: That when the meeting adjourn it do so meet on Tuesday, April 2, at 7-30 p.m.

Valid Adjourn. A True record.
attest Abram C. Brown. Town Clerk.

1901
April 2

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting
 Town assembled agreeable to adjournment and
 transacted business as follows,

Art. 24 Committee appointed to consider the question of purchasing
 a chemical engine made their report which was
 accepted and the article indefinitely postponed.

Art. 17 & 18 The committee appointed to consider the question of
 repair of Town Hall, made a report by Charles F.
 Spaulding. This was considered and laid upon
 the table.

Art. 25 The committee appointed to consider the question
 of more hose for the Fire Engine made a report
 by Albert C. Thompson, which was accepted.
 Voted, That the Engine purchase six hundred
 feet of new treated hose, and that the Town
 raise and appropriate the sum of \$650, for the
 purpose.

Record of the Meeting read and approved -
 Voted to adjourn -

a true record. attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk -

Warrant for Town Meeting for April 2, 1901

To Edward Walsh, constable of Bedford, Granting,
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
 You are hereby required to notify and warn the
 inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to
 vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall
 of said Bedford, on Tuesday the second day
 of April, next, at 8-30 o'clock P.M. to act on
 the following articles of Town affairs, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator & preside in said meeting

Town Meeting of April 2.

Art. 2.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of enlarging the Town Hall building, for the purpose of increasing the seating capacity of the present Town Hall, or build a gallery in the same, or do any thing relating thereto.

Art. 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of rebuilding the stone culverts on Spring and Main Streets and Carhill Road, or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this
Sixteenth day of March A.D. 1901,

Edwin H. Blake } Selectmen of
Arthur H. Barker } Bedford

Middlesex. S. S. Bedford. April 2. 1901

This Certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office or within district.

Edward Walsh. Constable of Bedford

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:

Art. 1.

Chose by ballot and use of check list

Edwin H. Blake. Moderator.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

a True record attested. Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Saturday April 13, 1901,
Middlesex S.S.

To each of the constables of the Town
of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote
in elections and in Town affairs to meet at
the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Saturday
the thirtieth day of April A.D. 1901, at
Eight o'clock in the evening of said day, then
and there to act on the following articles, Viz:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator & preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to make any repairs
or alterations of the Town Hall building, and raise
and appropriate a sum of money for the same,
or do any thing in relation thereto.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars
for the repair of Culverts, or do any thing
in relation to the same.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of one hundred and
fifty dollars for the purchase of fire
extinguishers, or do any thing in relation
thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting an attested copy of the same at the Town
Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least
before the time of said meeting. If you fail not,
and make return of this warrant, with your doing
thereon, to the Town Clerk, at, or before the time
of said meeting. Given under our hands at
Bedford, this fourth day of April A.D. 1901,
Middlesex S.S. Bedford, April 13, 1901. This certifies that I have
served the within warrant as within directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable for Bedford.

Doing of Town Meeting April 13. 1901.

Art. f. Chose by ballot and use of the Checklist. Edwin H. Blake as Moderator, who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art. 11 Voted to divide the article under four heads
 a. act on matter of ventilation.
 b. act on the question of a new floor in the Town Hall room
 c. act on the question of building a gallery in the front end of the Town Hall building.
 d. act on the question of painting the ceilings wall of the Town Hall, and room and entrance hall to the same.

On part one & two, voted in the negative,
 On part three & four voted to lay the subject on the table.

Art. 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing Culverts.

Art. 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for fire extinguishers to be purchased at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved after reading and approval of the records.

A true record, attest.

Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

The following resolutions were adopted at the Town Meeting of April 13, 1901.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Selectmen be authorized to make an offer to the State Highway Commission that the Town will pay the expense of the superstructure of the Shawsham bridge provided the State will extend the State road to the end of Loomis that the present year.

Continued. Town Meeting, April 13. 1901, ⁹³

Be it resolved that a committee of five, be appointed by the Chair, to look into the various subjects, pertaining to school ventilation, drainage, water supply, heating, providing a space for children to warm themselves, renew the walk through the old Training Ground, also to investigate any point of special interest that may be suggested by the citizens.

Said Committee determine the cost of each suggested improvement and be ready to make an early report to the Town.

The committee to act on the above are
Charles J. Spaulding; Charles W. Jenks
E. A. Hardwell. Mrs. Mary E. Laws.
Mrs. Winifred B. Diamond -

adjourned

Warrant for Town Meeting of November 5. 1901
Tuesday,

Middlebury S.S. To either of the Constables of
Bedford. Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify
and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified
by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs
to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Tuesday
the fifth day of November next at six o'clock
A.M. at which time the polls will be opened
(and they must be kept open four hours at
least) to bring in their votes for the Selectmen
for a Governor; a Lieutenant Governor; a Secretary; a
Treasurer; Receiver General for the Commonwealth;
for a Councillor; for the sixth Councillor district;
for a Senator for the sixth Middlebury
district; for one Representative in the General
Court for the Seventeenth Middlebury district;

for a County Commissioner; two associate Commissioners;
a Clerk of Court, and a Sheriff for Middlebury County
for a District Attorney for the Middlebury South District.
Also act on the following articles relating
to town affairs.

- viz Art. I. To choose a moderator of said meeting.
Art. II. To hear and act upon reports of Committees and Resolutions.
Art. III. To act on the revision and acceptance of List
of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
Art. IV. To see if the town will accept Chapter 482 of the
Acts of 1901. Which provides for the Election of
Town Clerks for terms of three years or do any
thing in relation thereto.
Art. V. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate
the sum of Eight Hundred dollars to be expended
by the State Highway Commission on the bridge over
the Shawshem River on the Main Road or do
any thing in relation thereto.
Art. VI. To see if the town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of One Hundred dollars
for the purpose of making a well or cistern
to supply the Union School with water or do anything
in relation thereto.
Art. VII. To see if the town will vote to enter into an
agreement with Mr. Charles W. O'Dowd with
regard to surface drainage or do anything in
relation thereto.

The time for acting on the matters in this warrant relating
to town affairs is fixed at Two o'clock P. M.

And You are directed to serve this warrant
by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town
Hall, and at the Post-Office seven days at least
before the time of said meeting. And if fail
not and make return of this warrant with your
doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said
meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this

Tuesday sixth day of October 1901.

Edwin H. Blake }
Arthur H. Parker } Selectmen of
Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford. October 29. 1901

I hereby certify that I have posted copies of the
above warrant as within directed

Edward Walsh. Constable Bedford.
a true copy of the warrant and the return
of the Constable thereon -

Attest: Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.
Bedford. November 6. 1901 -

- 1901 -

State Election and Town Meeting

Meeting was called to order at time specified in the
warrant (6 o'clock P.M.) by the Town Clerk, who read the
warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

William W. Goodwin and Edward P. Keany who had been
appointed ballot clerks, were sworn by the Town Clerk, who
delivered to them a sealed package, received from the
secretary of the Commonwealth said to contain three
hundred ballots, and took their receipt therefor; also
delivered to them a copy of the voting list
signed by the registrar of voters.

The ballot box was shown to be
empty, and the key thereof held by the presiding official
and the chairman of Selectmen declared the polls open.
Samuel J. Hughes was appointed official at the registering
ballot box, and he was duly qualified before entering
upon the duties of the office.

At 3-30 p.m. upon the
unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk,
the ballot box was opened and fifty ballots were
taken therefrom, and the telling commenced there-
labors. Subsequently ballots were taken from the
box at 4 o'clock P.M. and at 4.33 p.m.
the polls were closed.

At the close of the polls there was found 186 in the ballot box, sixty seven (67) ballots, showing that 167 had been cast - the voting list used by the ballot clerk showed 167 names checked. The check list used by Town Clerk showed 167 names checked, but the register on the ballot box showed 162. There having been an imperfect register made through the failure of the mechanism of the box.

After the voters had completed their labors, the following result of the balloting was announced by the Chairman of the Selectmen Edward H. Blake.

For Governor Michael J. Bury of Haverhill	3 votes.
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	416 votes.
John B. Lewis Jr. of Reading	2 votes.
Joshua Quincy of Boston	31 votes.
George H. Wren of Springfield	1 vote.
Blanks	14

For Lieutenant Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston	118 votes.
John W. Coughlin of Fall River	19 votes.
Alfred E. Jones of Everett	0 votes.
William H. Partridge of Newton	2 votes.
Charles W. White of Boston	4 votes.

For Secretary.

Frederick W. Clark of Boston	2 votes.
Alonso H. Dennett of Middleborough	2 votes.
Jeremiah O'Neil of Abington	0 votes.
William M. Olin of Boston	118 votes.
William B. Stone of Springfield	18 votes.
Blanks	27

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

George E. Bateholder of Lynnfield	2 votes
William P. Bosworth of Brockton	3 votes
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	110 votes
Joseph L. Chaffin of Lowell	18 votes
Fredrick A. Nagler of Springfield	0 votes
Blanks	34

For Auditor

James J. Dean of Salem	21 votes
Frank Kufe of Lynn	0 votes
John H. Smith of Dalton	4 votes
Frank Thompson of Plymouth	3 votes
Henry E. Turner of Malden	103 votes.
Blanks	36

For Attorney General

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	3 votes
John J. Hargraves of Worcester	0 votes
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	109 votes
Arthur A. Putnam of Exbridge	20 votes
Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield	2 votes
Blanks	33

For Councillor — Seventh District

Henry H. Benoit of Lawrence	3 votes
George M. Buttrick of Everett	4 votes
Francis L. Fletcher of Westford	18 votes
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	106 votes
Blanks	36

For Senator — Seventh Middlesex District

John P. Farley of Lowell	20 votes
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford	113 votes
Blanks	34

For Representative in the General Court

Seventh Middlesex District

Abram E. Brown of Bedford	157 votes
William V. Hyde of Wiston	9 votes
Louis H. Whitney of Lincoln	2 votes
Blanks	0

For County Commissioner - Middlesex
 Francis Bigelow of Watick 110 votes
 Robert Lusk of Cambridge 6 votes
 William F. Merrill of Malden 3 votes
 Blanks 48

For Associate Commissioner - Middlesex
 Christian Beck of Cambridge 14 votes
 Louis Esner of Everett 9 votes
 David J. Strange of Stoneham 83 votes
 Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn 73 votes
 Samuel H. Warren of Winton 7 votes
 Blanks 146

For District Attorney, northern District
 Thomas F. Rooney of Malden 10 votes
 George A. Sanderson of Ayer 110 votes
 Blanks 47

For Clerk of Courts - Middlesex County
 Theodore C. Hurd of Wmchester 113 votes
 George F. Ritchie of Malden 6 votes
 Henry A. Smith of Stoneham 2 votes
 Blanks 46

For Sheriff of Middlesex County
 John R. Fairbank of Cambridge 113 votes
 Francis R. Finnegan of Everett 8 votes
 Roscoe G. Watson of Cambridge 2 votes
 Blanks 44

Town Business

— Town Affairs —

Art. 1. Chose by ballot and use of check list
 Edmund H. Blake, Moderator

Art. 4. Charles F. Spaulding offered the following resolution
 which was adopted by unanimous vote

"Resolved, that the interests of the town
 at present, call for further consideration
 of the subject of a water supply and that a
 committee of five be appointed by the town,
 to investigate and report at the next town meeting

Art. III. Water investigating committee, appointed
 Charles F. Spaulding, Frederic Parker,
 Charles W. Jencks, Hiram E. Young,
 Dr. S. A. Wood.

Art. IV. List of Jurors reported by Selectmen not accepted -

Dudley C. Ladd	Soldier
Dudley Hartford	Florist
Edward A. Butts	Farmer
Elmer E. Gray	Merchant
John F. Ireland	Farmer
Charles H. Wood	Farmer
Charles W. Jencks	Farmer
Samuel D. Hughes	Clerk
Charles L. Flint	Janitor
Hiram Law	Salesman
L. Mason Norton	Farmer
John Connor	Farmer
Andrew J. O'Neil	Taylor
Irving S. Hodgdon	Stable Keeper
Fay L. Kimrick	Painter
John H. Brown	Butcher

Art. V. Voted to accept and adopt the provisions of Chapter 483 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1901, which provides that the election of Town Clerks may be for a period of three years.

Art. VI. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of eight (\$800) hundred dollars, the same or any part thereof to be expended in the discretion of the Selectmen at the call of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission in reference to the superstructure of the bridge over the Housheon River, and the same to be included in the next tax levy of necessity.

Art VI. Void. To indefinitely postpone the article.

Art VII. Void that in the matter of surface drainage on land of Charles W. C. Dowd. The matter be left with the Board of Selectmen with full power to act. — upon the same.

The meeting for Town business was adjourned at 3-30 p.m.

A true record
Attest, Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk,

Bedford. Nov 10. 1901

Concord. November 15. 1901 —

Vote of Middlesex District No. 17. for Representative to the General Court — as determined and declared at the Town Clerk's office. Meeting held at Concord November 15 1901 at 12, o'clock. M.

for	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Weston	Blank	Total
Abram E. Brown of Bedford,	151	359	51	86		647
William V. Hyde of Weston.	9	146	32	34		221
Louis H. Whitney of Lincoln	2	7	9	23		41
Blanks	5	30	12	5		52
	167	542	104	148		961

Two certificates of election were filled out for Abram E. Brown of Bedford and signed by
 Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk of Bedford.
 Charles E. Brown " " " Concord
 James L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
 George W. Cutting " " " Weston

Warrant for Town Meeting March 3, 1902

Middlebury I. S.

To wit: of the Constable of the Town of Bedford: Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall of said Bedford, on Monday, the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, viz:

- Art. I. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- " 2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing, the polls to be kept open for voting the length of time the meeting may decide on.
- " 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and to act thereon; also reports of Committees and other town officers.
- " 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing Year, and make appropriations for the same.
- " 5 To vote on the following question viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford, York Co.
- " 6 To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the Road and Bridges the ensuing Year.
- " 7 To designate the time and manner of collecting the Taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing Year.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 3, 1902

Art. 8

To see if the Town will authorize their collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

- 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the Town debt, which maybe called for, or to refund any part of the Town debt at a lower rate of interest.
- 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- 12. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses.
- 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society. To be held on or about the 19th of April.
- 14. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the firmans' annual dance.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow the sum of of money that was appropriated to paint the Union School House to remain in the Treasury to be used for that purpose during the long vacation, or do any thing in relation to the same.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to pay the sum of forty dollars for the Bonds of the Treasurer and collector of Taxes.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 3, 1902

Art 17. To see if the Town will vote to build a building to be used as a Pest House for Contagious Diseases upon some part of the Town Farm, or some other suitable place and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or do anything relating thereto.

18 To see if the Town will do anything in the matter of drainage, near the property of Shady Hill Nursery Company.

19 To see if the Town will vote to buy a wheel Roller, to be used upon the Highways of the Town and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of shingling the house at the Town Farm.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, to be used by a committee, for the purpose of making tests, for a water supply for the use of the Town, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this twenty first day of February. A. D. 1902.

Edmund H. Blais } selectmen
Frederic Parker }
Arthur H. Parker } Bedford

Middlebury S.S. Bedford Feb. 24, 1902

I hereby certify that I have posted

the within warrant as within directed

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford.

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Doings of Town Meeting March 3. 1902.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows. Viz:

Art 1.

chose by ballot and use of Chick list Edward H. Blake, moderator who, being duly sworn proceeded to the discharge of the duties of said Trust.

Samuel L. Hughes was appointed as teller, and sworn.

Art 2.

Voted that the polls be now open for the choice of one Selectman for three years; a Town Clerk for three years; one Assessor of Taxes for three years; three fence viewers; one overseer of the Poor for three years; a Town Treasurer; one collector of Taxes; two auditors; one Park Commissioner for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for four years; one member of the Cemetery Committee for three years; three Constables; one Funeral Undertaker; one Surveyor of Highways, one Tree Warden, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 5.30 o'clock Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Town
Officers

Selectman for 3 years.	Fredrick Parker.
Town Clerk for 3 years	Abram E. Brown. Sworn.
Assessor of Taxes -	Irving L. Hodgdon. Sworn
Treasurer,	Henry D. Lyon.
Collector of Taxes	Abram E. Brown.
Overseer of Poor for 3 years.	William B. Hughes
Fence Viewers	Edward H. Blake
	Fredrick Parker. Arthur H. Parker.

Town Officers
continued

Auditors Wallace G. Webber, Arthur W. Wood.
Park Commissioners for 3 years. Henry Wood.
School Committee for 3 years. Elisha G. Loomis.
Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library, Elisha G. Loomis.
Cemetery Committee, 4 years. Abram E. Brown.
Constables - Edward Walsh; Charles E. Williams
A. Elmer Blake, sworn
Funeral Undertaker, L. Newton Hartwell.
Surveyor of Highways - David L. B. Fitch, sworn
Tow Warden. Charles W. Jenks.

The following officers were chosen by nomination
at large -

Field drivers - Edward J. Skilton; David L. B. Fitch
William H. Mudge; Lemuel S. Cole; George H. Howland
Pound Keeper, the superintendent of the Town Farms.

Surveyors of Lumber - William Thompson; C. Willard Plasteridge;
Daniel E. Haynes; Howard M. Wood;
Charles H. Clark; Lemuel S. Cole.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark.
Howard M. Wood; William H. Mudge,
Charles C. Walter; George H. Howland.
Charles H. Clark; Samuel G. Carter,
Willis G. Lane; Charles L. Flint
Daniel E. Haynes; George M. Parker,
Joseph E. Swamy.

Weighers of Grain
Elisha G. Loomis; Charles W. O'Dowd.

Art 3.

Reports of Town Officers offered in printed form
and accepted by vote.

Report of Water Committee.

Bedford, March 3, 1902 -

To the Town of Bedford,

The Water Committee

over

Meeting of Town Meeting. March 3. 1902

Continued

lately chosen by the Town to investigate in relation to a water supply. wish to state, that while some progress has been made, they have not gained such facts as will warrant them to give a detailed report at this time.

C. F. Spaulding, for Committee

Report of Water Committee accepted and the Committee granted further leave.

Art 4. Voted to raise appropriate the following sum of money for the ensuing year.

Support of schools	\$ 4300.	and balance now in treasury.
Text Books and supplies	200.	
Roads and Bridges	\$ 2500.	voted that the Selectmen
		purchase crushed stone in
Side walks	\$ 200.	their discretion;
Calverts	\$ 200.	
Incidentals and removing snow	\$ 3400.	
Support of Poor	1400.	
Street lamps, support.	550.	The matter of expenditure be
		left to the Selectmen.
Interest on bonded and temporary loan	\$ 400.	
Town debt.	\$ 2500	from money now in Treasury.
Fire Dept.	\$ 600	
Public Library	\$ 225.	
Observance of Memorial Day	\$ 125.	
Care of All Burial Ground	\$ 25.	
Shawheen Cemetery	\$ 100.	
Suppression sale of Intoxicating liquors	\$ 100.	

Art. 5. The vote on the question of License to sell Intoxicating liquors. Yes 1. No 70.

Art. 6. Voted: that the appropriation for high ways be divided as follows - and expended in the several districts as in the year 1876

which is Central District forty (40) percent;
 South " ten (10) percent;
 West " ten (10) percent;
 North " fifteen (15) percent;
 East " twenty (20) percent;
 Bridges five (5) percent;

Art. 7.

Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, viz
 That single poll taxes are payable on demand; all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before the second Wednesday of October 1902; and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday of January, 1903, a deduction of six percent will be allowed. If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six percent, per annum, shall be collected on the whole amount. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two (2) percent, upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury.

Art. 8.

Voted: That the Collector of Taxes, be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.

Art 9.

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes or notes of the Town of Bedford therefor payable within one year from the time the

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the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five (5) percent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art 10. Indefinitely postponed:

Art 11. Voted: That the observance of Memorial Day be left to the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee

Art 12. Voted: That the money received from dog Licenses be devoted to the use of the Public Library.

Art 13. Voted: That the Town Hall be free for Historical Meetings.

Art 14. Voted: That the Town Hall be free for Fireman's Annual Banquet.

Art 15. Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars now in Treasury, for painting the Union School House, and that the Chairman of the Selectmen be authorized to make contract and superintend the work.

Art 16. Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of forty (40) dollars for procuring the services on the books required of their Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Art 17. Voted: Indefinitely postponed the article.

Art 18. Voted: To appoint a committee of five, three of whom shall be the Selectmen, to investigate the question of drainage near Shocky Hill Nursing property, and report to the Town at an early date.

Committee. Edwin H. Blake. Fredrick Parker.

Arthur Parker; David L. B. Fitch Charles J. Jones.

- Art. 19. Voted: To purchase a Wheel roller for the use of the Town, and that the sum of two hundred (\$200) be taken from the Appropriation already made for the Highway, for said purchase.
- Art. 20 Voted: that the Town appropriate the sum of (\$125) one hundred twenty five dollars, or so much of that sum as may be needed, to be put in shingling the Town at the Town Farm, and that the Overseer of the Poor be authorized to perform said duty.
- Art. 21 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, for the purpose of making water works preliminary to securing a water supply for the Town of Bedford, and to appoint a committee of three for that purpose.
 Appointed, Frederick Parker.
 Daniel E. Haynes
 George R. Bellin.

The following resolution was adopted
 Resolved that the Selectmen be requested to obtain legal advice, and if they find it within the power of the Town, they be authorized to open the drain from near the corner of the Hotel stable, across the common for the purpose of carrying off the surface water from the ground in rear of the estates of the late Charles A. Cory, Charles F. Spaulding, and others, whose estates border on the said ground, and pay from the same outlay from money that is in the Town treasury and otherwise unappropriated.
 after the reading of the records by the clerk, the meeting dissolved by vote at 6-30 p.m.
 a true record, attested Abram E. Brown, Town clerk.

1902

Warrant for Town Meeting May 17. 1902.

Middlesex S.S.

To A. Elmer Blake Constable of Bedford
Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass.,
You are hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote
in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said
Bedford, on Saturday Evening May 17. th 1902 at
Eight o'clock, to act on the following articles of
Town Affairs. VIZ: -

- Art. I To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. II To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee
to make arrangements for observing an Old Home week
to take place in this town the latter part of July next.
- Art. III. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate
a sum of money to be spent under the direction
of a Committee for the purpose of observing an
Old Home week to take place in this Town
or do any thing in relation thereto.

- Art. IV To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate
a sum of money for the purpose of rebuilding
or making repairs upon the Bridge over
the Concord River leading to Carlisle, also
to make necessary repairs upon the Carlisle Road
so called, or do any thing in relation thereto.
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting an attested copy of the same at the
Town Hall, and at the Post Office seven days
at least before the time of said meeting: Hereafter
not and make due return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said
Meeting under our hand at Bedford this ninth day of May A.D. 1902.

Bedford, May 9. 1902
This certifies that I have served the within
warrant by posting an attested copy of
the same at the Town Hall and at the
Post Office as within directed.
attest A. Elmer Blake, Constable of Bedford.

Edwin H. Blake
Register of Probate
Bedford, Mass.

May 17, 1902 - Doings of Town Meeting

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained therein, as follows, viz: -

Art. I Chas Edwin H. Blake - moderator.

Art. II. Voted. To indefinitely postpone the article.

Art. III Voted. To indefinitely postpone the article.

Art. IV. After discussion - Voted: That this meeting adjourn for one week at Eight o'clock and that the Selectmen notify each voter by postal card of the demands of the County Commissioner in regard to Carball bridge.

May ¹⁹⁰² 24. Voters assembled agreeable to adjournment

Art. IV. Moderator read a communication from the County Commissioner
Voted: That a Committee of three be chosen to examine the Bridge & Highway and report at a future meeting.

Committee Chosen - Edwin H. Blake, Elihu S. Loomis

Oliver J. Lane.

Voted: That the Committee be authorized to expend three hundred (\$300), if need be in obtaining the information needed.

Voted To adjourn for three weeks.

June ¹⁹⁰² 14. Voters met agreeable to adjournment

Elihu S. Loomis made a report for the Committee.
Voted to adjourn to July 12. at 8 p.m.

July 12

Voters met agreeable to adjournment.

Art. IV.

a statement was made by Elihu G. Loomis Esq. who asked for further time for the committee. This was granted and it was voted to adjourn for two weeks, time of meeting to be July 26. at 8 o'clock p.m.

July 26

Art. IV.

Voters met agreeable to adjournment and transacted the following business.

" Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2500 to be expended in the construction of a new steel bridge over the Concord river at the Carlisle road, provided that the remainder of the expense of said structure be met by the County of Middlesex, and the State Highway Commission, and provided that the total expense of said structure shall not exceed the sum of 7500.

" Voted, that Elihu G. Loomis, Edmund H. Blake and Oliver J. Lane be a committee of the town to arrange the details of the construction of said bridge, with the County Commissioners and the State Highway Commission, with full power to act in the premises.

" Voted That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2500, upon the best terms obtainable by him, and at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, for the purpose of defraying the expense of said bridge.

" Voted, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for repairing Carlisle road at the entrance of the Bedford end of the swamp. Three hundred dollars of the said sum shall be spent in the purchase of broken stone for use in said repair.

" Voted, that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$500, upon the best terms obtainable by him, and at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, for the purpose of repairing Carlisle road.

Art IV
continued

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to make any repairs upon Carliell Bridge that may be necessary to carry the bridge through the winter in case it may not be possible to build the steel bridge before the ensuing winter.

Voted To adjourn.

a true record - attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

November 4
- 1902 -

Warrant for Town Meeting and State Election
of November 4. 1902

Middlesex S.S.

To A. Elmer Blake, Constable of Bedford, greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet in the Town-hall of said Bedford, on Tuesday the fourth day of November next, at ~~6 o'clock~~ ^{10 o'clock} A.M. at which time the polls will be open, (and they must be kept open four hours at least) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for the election of a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representatives in Congress for the Fourth District, Councillor, Senator of the Sixth Middlesex District, Representative in the General Court for the Seventeenth Middlesex District, and a County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex,

Also to act on the following articles relating to Town affairs, (Viz: -

(The time for acting on the matters in this warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at two o'clock P.M.)

Art. I To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. II To hear and act upon reports of Committees and Resolutions.

Art. III To act on the revision and acceptance of a list of persons

A sum as Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

Art. IV. By request of Francis J. Wilkins and forty others, legal voters to see if the town will vote to petition the Legislature to pass an enabling act for the town of Bedford to establish a Public water supply in said Town, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. V. By request of the School Committee to see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of having a well dug on the School house grounds, or do anything in relation to the same, or make any provision for an adequate water supply for the Union School.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. They fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fifth day of October, A.D. 1902.

Edwin H. Blake
Frederic Parker
Arthur H. Parker } Selectmen of Bedford.

a true copy attest.

October 27th 1902. I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office.

W. Elmer Blake

Constable of Bedford.

a true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

(attest) Abram E. Brown - Town Clerk

Bedford, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1902.

Manning was called to order at time specified in the warrant (6 o'clock P.M.) by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

William W. Goodwin and John F. Kelly, who had been appointed ballot clerks, were sworn by the Chairman of the Selectmen. The Town Clerk delivered to them a sealed package received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, said to contain three hundred ballots, and took their receipt therefor; also delivered to them a copy of the voting list, signed by the registrars of voters.

The ballot box was shown to be empty, and the key thereof held by the presiding officer, Abbott R. Wilbur was qualified to preside at the registering ballot box. The Chairman of the Selectmen then declared the polls to be open.

At 3.15 P.M. upon the unanimous consent of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened, and fifty ballots were taken therefrom; and the telling commenced their work. Subsequently, ballots were taken therefrom the box at 3.50^{P.M.}, at 4.15^{P.M.} and at 4.35 P.M. the polls were closed.

At the close of the polls, there was found to be 29 ballots, showing that 179 votes had been cast.

The vote registered by the ballot clerks showed 179 names checked; the check ~~used~~ used by the Town Clerk showed 179 names checked, but the register on the ballot box showed 162, there having been an imperfect register made through failure of the mechanism of the box. After the tellers had completed their labor, the following result of the balloting was announced by Edwin H. Blake, Chairman of the Selectmen

over.

For Governor.

John L. Bates of Boston of Boston, 112; Michael J. Berry
of Haverhill, 0; John C. Chase of Haverhill, 0;
William G. Boston of Boston, 54; William H. Partridge
of Newton, 2; Blanks 11.

For Lieutenant Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amherst, 5; Thomas F. Brennan
of Salem, 0; Oliver W. Cobb of Eastham, 2;
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, 107; Herbert C. Jayner
of Great Barrington, 37; Blanks 28.

For Secretary.

Edward A. Buckland of Halyoke, 2; Herbert B. Griffin
of Winthrop, 0; Jeremiah F. Healy of Abington, 0;
William M. Olin of Boston, 113; Willmore B. Stone of Springfield, 32;
Blanks 32.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, 113; Joseph L. Chaffin
of Lowell, 29; Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, 0;
Daniel Berlin of Worcester, 1; David Taylor of Boston, 3;
Blanks 33.

For Auditor

David Morrison of Fall River, 1; S. Fremont Packard of
Providence, 1; Charles Stelber of Adams, 0;
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth, 32;
Henry E. Turner of Malden, 108; Blanks 37.

For Attorney General

Allan Coffin of Nantucket, 2; Charles E. Tenner of
Worcester, 1; John J. Flaherty of Gloucester, 27;
John A. Henley of Lynn, 0; Hubert Parker of Lancaster, 111;
Blanks 38.

For Representatives in Congress (each District.)

Marcus A. Coolidge of Fitchburg, 38;
Herbert S. Morley of Templeton, 1;
John H. Mullen of Clinton, 1;
Charles L. Lurill of Natick, 151;
Blanks 32.

For Councillor (sixth District,
John H. Gray of Malden, 2; William J. M. Cluskey of Lowell,
8; Henri E. Richardson of Lowell, 1; Walter Scott Watson,
of Lowell, 105.

Blanks 43.

For Senator sixth Middlesex District,
Lucius Adams of Townsend, 1; Herbert E. Fletcher,
of Westford, 108; Benjamin Staveland of Lumbury,
1; Henry F. Tarbell of Peppewick, 32.

Blanks 38.

For Representative in General Court
seventeenth Middlesex District.
Abram English Brown of Bedford, 153;
George A. Hittell of Weston, 1;
George Salmon of Concord, 9; Blanks, 14.
For County Commissioners

George R. Duran of Carlisle, 31; Levi S. Gould of Melrose,
103; Arthur Staveland of Lumbury, 1;
Luther S. Wood of Lowell, 2; Blanks, 42.

Town affair

Art. I.

Chose by ballot and use of check list

Eduard H. Blake, moderator. sworn.

Art. II.

The following resolution offered by Elisha P. Loomis
was adopted by unanimous vote;

"Resolved, That the Selectmen be requested to take
such steps as will insure the placing of gates
and a gate keeper at the crossing of the
tracks of the Boston & Maine R.R. on South
Street near the elevator"

The following resolution was offered by Abram E.
Brown and adopted by unanimous vote of
the meeting.

Whereas repeated accidents have happened
on the streets of this town through which the

Luxington and Boston Street Railway Company
has a franchise to run cars, and the life and
property of individuals are placed in danger
constantly. Therefore —

Resolved: That it is the sense of this legal
meeting of the voters of Bedford that a
more moderate speed be used, and more
care be exercised on all cars through this
village, especially on the road between
the Common and the Boston and
Maine R. R. Depot, and that the Selectmen
fix a maximum rate of speed and submit
that it is enforced.

and be it further Resolved
That a copy of this resolution be placed
upon the records of the town, and that a copy
be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Luxington
and Boston Street Railway Company.

Art. III.

List of Jurors reported by Selectmen
and accepted by vote.

Dudley P. Ladd.	Salesman
Dudley Hartford	Florist
Edward R. Butler	farmer
Charles H. Wood	farmer
Charles W. Jones	farmer
Howard D. Skelton	farmer
J. Mason Norton	farmer
Andrew J. O'Neal	Laylor
Erving L. Hodgson	Stable keeper
Ray L. Kenrick	painter
Edwin H. Blake	real-estate.
Lucy D. Cole	Lin smith
Herbert L. Clark	farmer.
Abel P. Fitch	Mason
Benjamin F. Myle	Watchman
David L. B. Fitch	farmer

Art. IV.

Committee on Water supply made a report which was accepted, and they were granted further time.

Art. V.

Voted: that the article be laid on the table.

Voted: that the town appropriate from any money that may be in the Treasury the sum of five hundred dollars, the same to be expended under the direction of the committee on water supply in procuring a supply of water for Union School.

Voted that further consideration of Town business be now discontinued and that the election close at 4.35 o'clock.

a true record - attested

Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

Vote of Middlebury District No. 7, for representative in the General Court, as determined and declared at the Town Clerk's meeting held at Concord November 14, 1902, at 12 o'clock M.

	Bedford.	Concord.	Weston	Lincoln	Total
Abram English Brown of Bedford	155	435	173	67	830
George Tolman of Concord	9	285	76	42	412
George A. Hirth of Weston	1	1	31	6	39
Blanks	<u>14</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>102</u>
	179	772	312	120	1383

and two certificates of election were filled out for
Abram English Brown of Bedford, signed by

Abram English Brown Town Clerk of Bedford
 Charles E. Brown " " " Concord
 Geo. L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
 George W. Cutting " " " Weston

a true record, attested Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. March 2. 1903.

Middlesex. S.S.

To each of the constables of the Town of Bedford - Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs. To meet in the Town Hall of said Town, on Monday the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles of Town affair. VIZ:

- Art. I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. II. To hear reports of Committees and Town Officers and act upon the same.
- III. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing Year. the polls to be kept open for voting for such officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.
- IV. To vote on the following question. VIZ: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes. or No.
- V. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
- VI. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the Road and Bridges for the ensuing year.
- VII. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- VIII. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Warrant Continued

- art. IX. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- art X. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses.
- XI. To see what action the Town will take in relation to street Lamps.
- XII. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- XIII. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th of April.
- XIV. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty dollars to pay for bonds of its Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
- XV. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Fireman's annual dance.
- XVI. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for any concert or exhibition to be held by the schools during the year.
- XVII. To see if the Town will vote to request the School Committee to furnish car tickets to convey to the school house, children attending school from the house of Michael W. Mahan and John Kirkgaard, or do anything in relation to the same.
- XVIII. To see if the town will accept or revise the list of jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

Art XX

Warrant Continued

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of re-setting the curbing around the Soldier's Monument, and make repair in said lot in the Cemetery, or do anything in relation to the same.

XX. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Committee appointed to procure Water Works for a supply of water for the Town, or do anything in relation to the same, or do any thing in relation to the same.

XXI. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of enlarging our present school accommodations, either by raising the present school building, or by building an addition thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

XXII. To see if the Town will vote to take any action with regard to observing Old Home week, or do anything relating thereto.

XXIII. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to revise the salaries of its Town officers, & make a report at some future meeting or do any thing in relation to the same.

And You are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attached copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

And if fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of February, A.D. 1903.

Eclwin H. Blake, } Selectmen of Bedford.
Frederic Parker }
Arthur W. Parker }

mid diary S.S. Bedford. Feb. 28. 1903.
I hereby certify that I have posted the within warrant as indicated.
Edward Walsh.
Constable of Bedford

Doings of Town Meeting.

March 2. 1903 -

Art I.

Chose by ballot and use of check list, Edwin H. Blake who was duly qualified.

The moderator appointed Abbott R. Webber, tells, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and he was duly sworn by the Town clerk.

Art II.

Voted: That the report of the several town officers, as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on guide book, be accepted and placed on file.

Art III.

Voted, that the polls be now opened for the choice of one selectman for three years; one assessor of Taxes for three years; three fence viewers; one overseer of the Poor for three years; a Town Treasurer; one Collector of Taxes; two Auditors; one Park Commissioner for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for four years; one member of the Cemetery Committee for three years; five Constables, one funeral undertaker; one surveyor of Highways; one Town warden, and that they all be re voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 5.30 o'clock p.m. also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee, after closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Selectman for three years - Edwin H. Blake
Fence viewers - Edwin H. Blake
Frederic Parker; Arthur H. Parker

Doings of Town Meeting. Continued
 Assessor of Taxes for three years. William G. Hartwell
 Town Treasurer. Henry D. Lyon
 Collector of Taxes. Abram E. Brown
 Overseer of the Poor for three years. William G. Hartwell
 Auditor. Wallace G. Webster & Howard M. Wood
 Park Commissioner for three years. Stephen A. Wood
 School Committee for three years. Ernest H. Hosmer
 Trustees of Bedford Free Public Library for four years.
 Abram E. Brown - George R. Blinn
 Cemetery Committee for three years. George R. Blinn
 Constables. Charles E. Williams; Joseph B. McFarland
 Edward Walsh; A. Elmer Blake; Edward P. Kelley.
 Funeral Undertaker. J. Newton Hartwell
 Surveyor of Highways. David L. B. Fitch
 Tree Warden Charles W. Jenks - S.

The following officers were chosen by nomination & ballot.

Field Officer Edward J. Skilton; David L. B. Fitch;
 William H. Mudge; Lucius S. Cole. Geo. H. Howe

Pound Keeper.

The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Surveyors of Lumber. William Thompson
 C. Willard Plastridge.
 Daniel E. Haynes
 Howard M. Wood.
 Charles A. Clark.
 Lucius S. Cole.

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and manure.
 Howard M. Wood. William H. Mudge
 Charles A. Walter; George H. Howe;
 Charles A. Clark; Samuel G. Carter;
 Willis G. Lane; Charles L. Flint;
 Daniel E. Haynes; George M. Parker;
 Joseph E. Suberney.

Doings of Town Meeting (Continued)

Wiggin of Enn. Elihu G. Loomis: Howard M. Wood.

Art. IV. The result of the ballot when counted at 8.50 p.m. -
was. Yes. 5 No. 79

" V. Voted: "To raise and appropriate the following
sums of money -

\$ 4000.	for support of schools, together with a balance from last year.
200.	" text books and supplies.
3000.	" Roads and bridges, from which cross bridges may be brought - in the discretion of the Surveyor.
\$ 150.	" Side walks -
2800.	" Incidentals and removing snow.
1400.	" Support of Poor.
550.	" Street lighting.
850.	" Fire Department.
225.	" Public Library.
125.	" Memorial Day -
25.	" Old Burying Ground.

The sum of \$400. was appropriated from
any money that is or may be in the Town
Treasury for State Aid, when the amount
is reimbursed by the State it shall be credited
to the same fund.

\$ 40.	For the purchase of bonds for the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
\$ 600.	Interest on Town Debt.

The sum of \$1000. was appropriated to pay
town debt. To be taken from any money
that is or may be in the Treasury.

Doings of Town Meeting Continued.

- * 25. For seals of weights and measures.
- 100. For Shawshem Cemetery.
- 100 To Enforce the Liquor Law.
- 25. To erect the curb around the Soldier's Lot.
- 500. To make Water Laid,

Art. VI. Voted: That the appropriation for highways be divided as follows, and expended in the several districts as follows:

Center District, 40 percent; South District, 10 percent
West District, 10 percent; North District, 15 percent
East District 20 - - - ; Bridges - 5 percent.

" VII. That single poll taxes are payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday of October 1903, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday of January, 1904 a deduction of six percent will be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be collected. Provided, however, that when one half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday of October, interest shall be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday of January 1904.

" VIII Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

IX. Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town

Comings of Town Meeting Continued.
 Treasurer is thereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five percent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by loan or loans under the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

X.

The money received from Dog Licenses shall be appropriated to watch the support of the Public Library.

XI.

The appropriation of \$500. shall be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of Charles W. Jenks, Abram E. Brown and William B. Hughes.

XII.

Voted: That the observance of Memorial Day shall be under a committee consisting of the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

XIII.

Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall for an Historical Society meeting on or about the 19th of April.

XIV.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$40.00 purchase bonds for the Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

XV.

Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall for the fireman's Dance.

XVI.

Voted: The free use of the Town Hall for a School Concert.

XVII.

The question referred to the School Committee.

art XVIII.

Savings of Town Meeting Continued

Voted: To approve the following list of jurors

Dudley P. Ladd.	Soldierman-
Dudley Hartford	Florist
Edward A. Butler.	Farmer.
Charles H. Wood.	Farmer.
Charles W. Jenks.	Farmer
Howard O. Skilton	Farmer
J. Mason Norton	Farmer.
George A. Skilton	Farmer
Charles W. O'Dowd	Farmer
Edwin H. Blake	Real Estate Dealer
Lumey S. Cole	Iron Smith
Herbert L. Clark	Farmer
Benjamin F. Muth	Watchman
David L. B. Fitch	Farmer
Q. Elmer Blake	Clark.
John Kavanagh	Farmer

XIX Voted: To appropriate \$25. for resetting the curb around the soldiers memorial.

XX Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of making water tests. To be expended under the direction of the present Water Committee

XXI Voted: To refer the question to a committee of three, consisting of E. G. Loomis, W. G. Webber, and S. A. Wood.

XXII Voted: To indefinitely postpone the question.

Doings of Town Meeting Continued

Art XXIII. Voted to raise a committee for the purpose named in the article. Committee are C. W. Jenks, E. G. Loomis, C. F. Spaulding.

after the reading of the record and the approval of the same. The Meeting Voted to adjourn at 6 o'clock p.m.

a true record, attested
Abram E. Brown Town Clerk.

July 2. 1903
Town Meeting
Warrant for Town Meeting July 2. 1903
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the town hall of said town on Thursday, July 2nd, 1903, at 8 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles of the town warrant, namely: -

- Art. I To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- .. II. To hear the reports of Committee and act on the same.
- .. III. To choose one Selectman to fill the vacancy made by the death of Edmund H. Blake
- .. IV. To choose a Park Commissioner in place of Henry Wood deceased.
- .. V. To see if the town will vote to purchase a tract of land adjoining Shawsham Cemetery and make appropriations for the same.

July 2. Warrant continued —

- Art. VI. To see if the Town will authorize the Cemetery Committee, or some other Committee to construct an entrance to said Cemetery.
- " VII. To see if the Town will increase the salaries of the Town officer, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " VIII. To see if the Town will accept the Town Way as laid out by the Selectmen June 20. 1903, and known as Fletcher Avenue.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Bedford House Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford.
This twenty third day of June 1903.

Frederic Parker } Selectmen
Arthur H. Parker } of Bedford

Middletown S. S. Bedford, June 23. 1903—

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at Town Hall and at Bedford House Office— as within directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford.

July 2, 1903.

Doings of Town Meeting July 2, 1903

Art. I.

The Town Clerk being declared absent, Mr. Charles W. Jenks was chosen as clerk pro tem. He was duly sworn and read the warrant. George R. Blinn was elected Moderator and Sworn.

Resolution in memory of Edwin H. Blake offered by Elisha G. Loomis, and passed by unanimous standing vote.

Resolution
in memory
of Edwin H. Blake.

"Whereas in the death of Edwin H. Blake we all feel that we have sustained a personal loss. Resolved: that we, the people of Bedford, in Town meeting assembled take this occasion of expressing and recording our appreciation of the long, faithful disinterested services of our former friend and citizen; as a neighbor he was ever kind and helpful; as a citizen he was right minded and reliable; as an officer of the town throughout his many years of service he was painstaking, self sacrificing and efficient. We cannot fill his place but the memory of his life will make for good citizenship. We feel our own loss and we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in their affliction."

Art. II

Wallace G. Webber, chairman of a Committee to consider the needs of more school accommodations, made a report with recommendations. Report accepted and ordered on file. Charles W. Jenks, chairman of a committee to consider a revision of salaries of town officers made a report which was accepted.

Art. III

Chas Irving L. Hodgdon, selectman to fill finish the unexpired term of Edwin H. Blake

art. III Continued

- Elected Oliver J. Lam. Park Commissioner to fill the term made vacant by death of Henry Wood.
- V. Voted to purchase said land of Abram E. Brown for one hundred dollars. the same to be paid from money that is or may be in the Treasury.
- VI. Voted, that the Cemetery Committee be authorized to act in their discretion in regard to building an entrance and avenue to Shawshone Cemetery.
- VII. Voted to indefinitely postpone the matter.
- VIII. Voted to indefinitely postpone the matter because of informality, the sense of the meeting being in favor of the acceptance of the road.
- Voted to adjourn
a true record - attest

Charles W. Jenkins Town Clerk pro tem.
Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Election.

Nov. 3. 1903

Warrant for State Election and Town business.

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections, and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford, on Sunday the third day of November, next, at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open four hours at least,) to bring in their votes for the Selection for the election of a Governor; and Lieutenant Governor; of the Commonwealth; a Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Councilor; Senator of the 6th Middlesex District; Representative in the General Court, from

the twentieth Middlesex District; Register of Probate and Insolvency; Register of Deeds; County Commissioner, County Treasurer;

Also back on the following articles relating to town affairs viz: - (the time for getting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock p.m.).

Art. 1. - To choose a moderator for use in said meeting.

Art. 2. - To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the Selectmen on June 20, 1903, and filed with the town clerk with plan of said street on June 20, 1903, and known as Fletcher Avenue.

Art. 3. - To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to continue the service of the police Officer, now on duty, through the winter, and appropriate a sum for the same.

Art. 4. - To see if the town will vote to adopt some plan for lighting the streets and town buildings by electricity and make any appropriation for the same, and do any thing about the same.

Art. 5. - By request of the Overseer of the Poor, to see if the town will vote to make further appropriation of money for support of the poor. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the town hall, and at the office of the Bedford House, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen

at or before the time and place of said meeting;
 Given under our hands at Bedford
 this 26th day of October A.D. 1903.

Erving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Frederic Parker }
 Arthur H. Barker } Bedford.

a True copy attested

Edward Walsh

Constable of Bedford.

Middlebury, S.S. Bedford, October 26th 1903.

This certifies that I have served the within
 warrant by posting an attested copy of the
 same at the Town Hall, and at the office
 of the Bedford House as within directed.

attest - Edward Walsh

Constable of Bedford.

State Election
 November 3, 1903.

Bedford, November 3, 1903 -

Meeting was called to order at time
 specified in the warrant (6 o'clock A.M.) by the
 chairman of the Selectmen, who read the warrant
 and the return of the Constable thereon.

William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh,
 who had been appointed ballot clerks, were
 sworn by the Town Clerk, who was also Justice of
 the Peace. The Town Clerk delivered to them a
 sealed package, received from the Secretary of
 the Commonwealth, said to contain three
 hundred ballots, and took their receipt
 therefor. Also delivered to them a copy of the
 voting list, signed by the registrar of
 voters. The ballot box was shown to be
 empty, and the key thereof held by
 the presiding officer. Dudley Ladd,
 was legally qualified to preside at the

registering ballot-box. The chairman of the
Selectmen then declared the poll to be open.

At three o'clock, by the unanimous consent
of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, the balloting
was opened and one hundred ballots were
taken therefrom, and the tellers commenced
their work. Subsequently ballots were taken
from the ballot-box at four o'clock, one package
numbering fifty, and 4.30 o'clock the
poll was closed. At the close of the
poll there were found 146 true ballots,
showing that one hundred fifty-three ballots
had been cast. The voting list used by
the ballot clerks showed one hundred
fifty-three names checked, and the
voting list used by the Town Clerk
showed the same result, but the register
on the ballot box showed one hundred
fifty. There having been an imperfect
register resulting from the failure of the
mechanism of the box to perform the work
expected of it. After the tellers had
completed their labors, the following
results of the balloting were announced
by Irving L. Hodgeston, Chairman of
the Selectmen—

For Governor

John L. Bates of Boston.	102
Thomas H. Brennan of Salem	0
John C. Chase of Haverhill	1
Oliver W. Cobb of East Hampton	1
William A. Gaston of Boston	43.
Blanks	6

For Lieutenant Governor

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	3
Curtis Guild Jr of Boston	101
William F. Murrell of Malden	1

Richard Cloney 2d. of Leicester	35
Moritz E. Richter of Holyoke	0
Blanks	14

For Secretary

Olof Bokelund of Worcester	2
John F. Coyle of Lynn	0
Alfred L. Cutting of Wiston	1
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield	31
William M. Olin of Boston	100
Blanks	19

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

John A. Billing of Rockland	2
Edward L. Bradford of Springfield	100
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford	2
Fredrick A. Nagler of Springfield	0
Thomas C. Thatcher of Yarmouth	32
Blanks	17

For Auditor

John H. Hagan of Lynn	0
Joseph Orr. of Chicopee	2
Alfred E. Stale of Northampton	2
Francois X. Lefrault of Southbridge	28
Henry E. Lurney of Malden	100
Blanks	23

For Attorney General

John A. Angellson of Gardner	2
William J. Carroll of Lowell	1
Henry M. Dean of Ayell Park	3
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester	31
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	99
Blanks	17

For Councillor - Sixth District -

Oscar C. Hulsman of Malden	2
William J. M ^c . Cluskey of Lowell	33
Walter L. Watson of Lowell	96
Blanks	12

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District,
 Chester W. Clark of Wilmington - - - 98
 John P. Farley of Lowell 36
 Benjamin Sturtevant of Cambridge 2
 Blanks - 17

For Representative in General Court -
 Seventeenth Middlesex District
 Grant M. Balsbury of Weston 32
 Harvey Wheeler of Concord 100
 Blanks - 21

For County Commissioner, Middlesex,
 George R. Duran of Carlisle - - - 51
 Samuel O. Upham of Waltham 87
 Charles W. Assher of Cambridge - 3
 Blanks - 12.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency,
 Middlesex County,
 Emanuel Bernier of Medford - - - 2
 Samuel H. Talson of Winchester - 101
 Frank J. Dimond of Lowell 28
 Blanks - 22

For Register of Deeds -
 Middlesex South District,
 Edwin O. Childs of Newton 110
 Charles F. Drury of Natick - - - 7
 Blanks - 36

County Treasurer
 Middlesex,
 Joseph A. Conacher of Cambridge 29
 Charles G. F. Clark of Malden 1
 Joseph A. Hayden of Somerville 101
 Blanks - 22

Nov. 3, 1903.

Local Business

Town Affairs -
 Art 1. Chose by ballot and use of check list
 Charles W. Jenks. Moderator. Sworn -

See over.

Art. 2. Voted - To accept the town way as laid out by the Selectmen, and voted that it shall be known in the future as Fletcher Road.

Art. 3. Voted - That the services of a police officer be continued through the winter, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 4. Voted - That it is the sense of this meeting that electricity be substituted for the present system of lighting the streets of this town.

Voted that the subject of public lighting be referred to a committee, who shall investigate and report at an adjourned meeting.

Committee - Charles W. Jenks; William B. Hughes; ^{Abram E. Brown} the present street-lighting committee; the Selectmen, consisting of Irving L. Hodgdon; Frederic Parker; Arthur W. Parker; the Town Treasurer, (Henry D. Lyons); George M. Dimond; George R. Blinn; W. King Libbets.

Art. 5. Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars for the supporting the poor.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday, November 14, at eight o'clock p.m. -

Adjourned
Town Meeting
November 14
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Town meeting assembled agreeable to adjournment, Charles W. Jenks, moderator in the chair.

Art. 4. of the Warrant was taken up.

The committee made a verbal report which was accepted. Then upon motion of George M. Dimond M. m. Voted: That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town to enter into and execute such contract for the lighting of the streets

adjourned
meeting
continued

by electricity as to them may seem judicious.
The meeting was then adjourned -
a true record. Attest, Abram E. Brown
Bedford, November 14, 1903. Town Clerk.

Vote of Middlesex District, No. 17, for Representatives
to the General Court, as determined and declared
at the Town Clerk's office. Meeting held at Concord
the thirteenth day of November 1903. At 12 o'clock M.

	Bedford.	Concord.	Lincoln.	Weston.	Total
Harvey Wheeler Concord	100	546	72	145	863
Frank M. Palmer Weston	32	182	42	120	376
Blanks	<u>21</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>116</u>
	153	776	127	299	1355

and two certificates of election were filled out for
Harvey Wheeler of Concord, and signed by -

Abram E. Brown Town Clerk of Bedford.
Walter A. Carr " " " Concord.
George L. Chapin " " " Lincoln.
George W. Cutting " " " Weston.

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Warrant for Town Meeting March 7, 1904

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, ^{Midolton S. S.}

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said Town, on Monday the Seventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles of Town affairs, viz:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- " 2. To hear reports of Committees and Town Officers and adopt resolutions.
- " 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing Year, the polls to be kept open for voting for such Officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.
- " 4. To vote on the following question, viz: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes or No.
- " 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing Year.
- " 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges for the ensuing Year.
- " 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes, for the ensuing Year.
- " 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all the means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.
- " 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

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Warrant Continued.

- Art. 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses.
- Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and make an appropriation for the same.
12. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting, under the direction of the Historical Society. To be held on or about the 9th of April.
14. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Fireman's Annual Dance.
15. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for any concert or exhibition to be held by the Schools during the year.
16. To see if the Town will accept or revise the list of Jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.
17. To see if the Town will make some provision for utilizing the Artesian Well on the Back Common, and make an appropriation for the same.
18. To see if the Town will enlarge the Union School House, or erect a new School House at the Centre of the Town, or increase the accommodation for the Schools in any way, and raise and appropriate or borrow money therefor, or do anything in regard thereto.
19. To see if the Town will take measures to procure a set of By-Laws for future use.

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Warrant Continued.

- Art. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to lay out a Highway through land of Charles W. O'Donnell.
- .. 21. To see if the Town will lay a new floor in the Town Hall and make an appropriation for the same.
- .. 22. To see if the Town will increase the salary of the Board of Selectmen: the Chairman from \$75.00 or to \$100.00; and the other two from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per year.

- .. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining the Sewing School.
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

And you are directed to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

GIVEN under our hands at Bedford this twenty-seventh day of February A.D. 1904.

Living L. Hodgdon
Arthur V. Parker

Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford, March 7, 1904.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, as within directed.

Edward Walsh

Constable of Bedford.

a true copy -

attest: Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

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Doings of Town Meeting — March 7, 1904 —

Art 1. Chas. moderator, Charles W. Jenks, sworn Town clerk.

The moderator appointed Dudley B. Ladd, Teller, who was duly qualified. The registering ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, locked and the key held by the constable. The meeting was declared by the moderator to be open for business.

Art. 2.

Reports of town officers, and committees were filed and accepted by the vote of the town. The Selectmen filed a report of guide posts and guide boards which were accepted.

Art. 3.

Voted that the polls be now opened for the choice of one select man for three years, one select man for one year to fill the unexpired term of Frederick Parker, resigned; one assessor of taxes for three years; three fence viewers; one overseer of the poor for three years; a Town Treasurer; one collector of taxes; one auditor; one Park Commissioner for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for four years; one member of the Cemetery Committee for three years; five constables; one funeral undertaker; one Surveyor of Highways; one tree warden; and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter and that the polls be kept open until 5-40 o'clock p.m. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Balloting for the above officers at 5-40 o'clock and resulted in the election of the following officers.

Select man for three (3) years. George M. Dimond - Sworn.

one (1) year Henry D. Lyons Sworn.

Fence viewer Irving L. Abbeysdon Sworn

William G. Hartwell

Henry D. Lyons Sworn

Assessor of Taxes for three (3) years. Willis G. Lane Sworn

over

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Overseers of Poor for three (3) years.	Harry E. Moulton	Sworn
Town Treasurer	George Arthur Skelton,	Sworn
Collector of Taxes	Abram E. Brown,	Sworn
Auditor	Wallace G. Webster	Sworn
Surveyor of Highways	David L. B. Fitch	Sworn
Park Commissioner for three (3) years.	Elihu G. Loomis	Sworn.
School Committee three (3) years	Winifred B. J. Senior	
Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for four (4) years.	George R. Blinn	
Shawshen Cemetery Committee three (3) years.	Charles W. Jenks	
Funeral Undertaker,	J. Newton Hartwell.	
Town Warden	Charles W. Jenks.	
Constables	Charles E. Williams. Sworn.	
	A. Elmer Blake. Sworn	
	Joseph B. M ^c . Farland. Sworn	
	Edward Walsh Sworn	
	Edward P. Kelly. Sworn.	

The following officers were elected by nomination from the floor and election by hand vote.

Field Drivers - Edward J. Skilton.
 David L. B. Fitch. Sworn
 William H. Mudge.
 Quincy S. Cole Sworn
 George H. Howe

Pound Keeper. Superintendent of Town farm for the time being. Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber - William Thompson - Sworn
 C. Willard Plastridge.
 Daniel E. Haynes
 Howard M. Wood
 Charles H. Clark
 Quincy S. Cole.
 Oliver H. Lane Sworn
 Edward A. Hartwell -

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Town Affairs
elected
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Measures of Wood, bark and manure -

Howard M. Wood

sworn

William H. Mudge

Charles G. Walters,

sworn

George H. Howe.

Charles H. Clark

Willis G. Lane - sworn -

Charles L. Flint

Daniel E. Haynes

George M. Parker

Sworn April 9. 04

Joseph E. Sweeney

Art. 4 - The vote on the license question was taken up in
connection with article three (3). Resulted as follows -
Yea 4: No 104:

5 - The following appropriations of money were made.

Schools - five thousand dollars	\$ 5000.
Text books and Supplies, three hundred,	300.
Roads and Bridges, three thousand,	3000.
Lick walks - one hundred.	100.
Incidentals and removing snow thirty two hundred.	3200.
Support of poor one thousand	1000.
all unpaid bills of the year 1903 shall be paid from the balance in treasury reported by the overseers of the department.	
Street lights and lightning, eight hundred,	800.
Fire department four hundred,	400.
Interest on debt and temporary loan seven hundred.	700.
Public Library, two hundred twenty five.	225.
Memorial Day, one hundred twenty five.	125.
Old Burying Ground twenty five.	25.
Shawshen Cemetery, one hundred,	100.
Bonds for Collector and Treasurer, forty dollars	40.
Sewing School - - - -	75.

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Comings of town meeting of March 7. Continued

Voted: That the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the town's proportion of the expense of abolishing the west Bedford grade crossing.

Art. 6.

The sum of two thousand (\$2000) dollars of the amount appropriated for Road & Bridges shall be divided as follows. South district - twenty (20) percent.

West " " " "

North " " " "

Centre " " forty (40) percent.

The sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars of the amount for highways shall be divided as follows - viz: - Eight hundred dollars shall be spent on the Old Road to Billerica and two hundred shall be spent in the east district. The Surveyor of Highways shall procure and use crushed stone in his discretion.

Art. 7.

Voted: That single poll taxes are payable on demand. On all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before the Second Wednesday of October 1904, and the remainder on or before the Second Wednesday of January 1905, a deduction of six percent will be allowed. If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum shall be collected; provided however, that when one half of the tax is paid on or before the Second Wednesday in October, 1904, the interest shall only be collected on the remaining half after the Second Wednesday of January 1905.

The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two percent upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury.

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Doings of Town Meeting of March 7. (Continued)

Art. 8.

Voted: that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means in the collection of taxes, that the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector is authorized by law to use.

Art. 9.

Voted: that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Bedford in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to nine thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five (5) percent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 10.

Voted: that the money received from dog licenses shall be appropriated to make the support of the Bedford Free Public Library.

Art. 11.

Voted: that the subject of street lighting be left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Art. 12.

Voted: that the observance of Memorial Day be in charge of the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 13.

Voted: that the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the use of the Bedford Historical Society for a meeting on or about April 19.

Art. 14.

Granted. Town Hall for Firemen's Club dance

Art. 15.

Granted. Town Hall for School exhibition

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Doing of Town Meeting March 7. Continued.

Art. 16- List of Jurors accepted by vote of town.

The list accepted
and adopted in
the morning was
amended in the
afternoon and
is as here appears.

Dudley P. Ladd.	Sherman.
Dudley Hartford.	Flourist.
Charles H. Wood.	Farmer.
Charles W. Jenks.	Farmer.
J. Mason Norton.	Farmer.
A. Elmer Blake.	Clerk.
John Kavanaugh	Farmer.
Abram E. Brown	Author
Allen W. Brown	Farmer.
James S. Connors.	Farmer.
George B. Davis	Farmer.
Warren H. Dutton	Farmer.
Norbert W. English	Carpenter.
Edward W. Farrell	Farmer.
Edwin A. Hadwell	Carpenter
James Hagan	Retired
Charles A. Walter	Painter
Edward Walsh	Farmer.
William G. Hadwell	Wood dealer

Art 17- Voted: That the Selectmen report a plan with estimates at an adjourned meeting.

" 18- Voted: That the question be referred to a Committee of three, who shall report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Saturday, April 2, at 7-45 p.m.

Art. 19- Voted: To refer the question to a Committee appointed by the moderator. Committee are Elisha G. Loomis, Charles W. Jenks, Abram E. Brown.

Art 20- Voted: That it is the sense of this meeting that the Selectmen shall lay out a street through land of Charles W. O'Garra.

Art. 21- Voted: That the Town do vote to lay a maple floor in the Town Hall, and the sum of Two hundred \$200 dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose. also that the work be done under the direction of the Selectmen, and that they employ

March 7.

Orders of Town Meeting of March. Continued
Bedford Carpenter. No work shall be done on the
floor until after the June session of the School.

Art. 22.

Voted: To indefinitely post pone the subject.

Art. 23

Voted: To appropriate from money in the Treasury,
the sum of Seventy five (\$75) dollars to make the
support of a sewing school. said sum to be
expended under the direction of the School
Committee.

At 6-30 o'clock p.m. Voted to adjourn to
Saturday, April 2. at 7-45 o'clock p.m.
a true record - attest

Abram E. Brown

Town Clerk

Supplementary

Art. 18.

of Town Meeting
March 7, 1904

Committee appointed under Article 18. of the warrant
to report plan for enlarging the school accommodations
are Ernest W. Hoerner, Edwin A. Harwell
Wallace F. Webber.

This Committee allowed one hundred (\$100) for the purpose
said amount to be drawn from money now in
the Treasury.

April 2.
Adjourned
Meeting

The voters met agreeable to adjournment
and transacted the following business.
The Moderator, Charles W. Jenks being
declared ill and absent. It was voted to
proceed select a moderator, pro tem,
Chose by ballot and use of check list E. G. Loomis.
who being duly sworn proceeded to the unfinished
business.

Article 18, was taken up, and the question of school
house was declared before the meeting.

The Committee by its Secretary E. W. Hoerner made
a report showing plan and specifications
for rebuilding the Union School House.
after discussion it was voted.

That the report be re-committed to the

committee with instructions to report what will be the cost of a new two room building, also what will be the cost of a new four room building, also what will be the cost of the repairs necessary to the present building. Voted: that when the meeting adjourns to be to meet three weeks from this evening at 7-45 o'clock. Date April 23.

Voted to add three members to the Committee already acting. Appointed by the chair. The Chair appointed, as the additional members, Oliver Lane and Frank M. Goddard. Voted to adjourn.

April 23. Committee chosen under Article 17 of Warrant, made a carefully written report which was accepted and filed.

Committee on School House made an extended report by Ernest H. Hosmer, Chairman. said report was accepted. Voted: that when the meeting adjourns to be to meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 7-45 o'clock p. m. and that the Selectmen notify each voter by postal card of the adjournment. Voted to adjourn -

March 3, 1904 Voted: to reconsider so much of the business transacted under Art. 5, as relates to the West Bedford Grad crossing and Voted: that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and Voted: that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said bill from the sinking fund. Art. 18, taken up. Voted, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow, together with the approval of the Selectmen, the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars to be used in improving the sanitary department of Union School Building and the Town Hall building now used for a school room. Voted: that a committee of three be appointed to make the expenditure. Committee, E. G. Loomis, W. G. Wilber, Charles F. Spaulding. See page 153 for completion of Town meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting. April 2. 1904
Middlebury S.S.

To Edward Walsh, Constable of
Bedford, in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the
town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections
and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall
in said Bedford on the second day of April
next, at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on
the following articles viz: -

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to make repairs and
alterations in the Town Hall, were the Hall
and Public Library Room for electric lighting
and make an appropriation for the same
or do anything in regard to the same.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will designate the duties
of the Public Buildings Committee and
make any regulations in regard to the janitor.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to build concrete
or Macadam side walks, make an appropriation
for the same, or do anything regarding the same.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will make a special appropriation
for repairs on the street and side walks
known as Fletcher Road.
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up attested copies thereof, one at the
Town Hall and one at the Post Office in
the said Town, eight days at least before the
time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make
due return of this warrant with your doing thereon
to the Town Clerk at or before the time and
place of meeting or before said

April 2.

Warrant for Town Meeting for April 2. Continued.
Given under our hand this 2nd day
of March, in the year 1904.

Irving L. Hodgdon
George W. Diamond
Henry D. Lyon
Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex, S.S.

Bedford, April 2, 1904.

This certifies that I have
served the within warrant by putting an
attested copy of the same at the Town Hall
and at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh
Constable of Bedford.

Art. 1

Order of Town Meeting, April 2, 1904.
Chas E. G. Loomis, Moderator, sworn -

Art. 2

Voted: To indefinitely postpone the article.

Art. 3.

Adopted the following -

Voted that the Committee
on Public Buildings, consisting of the
Board of Selectmen, Board of School Committee
and President of the Library Corporation, shall
have charge of the Public Buildings and make
a report annually to the town of their condition
with recommendations of improvements and
needed repairs.

Said Committee shall meet
within the first ten days succeeding the
annual March Meeting of the Town
and shall appoint a janitor of Public
Buildings upon the amount of his salary,
designate his duties (specify what shall
be extra if any) and discharge said
janitor at any time for sufficient cause.

This Committee may hold meetings at any other date, than that of the annual meetings, upon call of the chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars in addition to the sum of one hundred dollars already voted, to be expended in building and repairing school molks.

Art. 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended on Fletcher Good.

Voted To adjourn

a true record, Attest, Abram E. Brown
Town Clerk

Resolutions adopted -

adjourned
Town meeting
of March 7, 1904
held May 3...
Whereas, September 24 next, will mark the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of this town:—
Therefore, Resolved that it is for the interest, instruction and general benefit of the people that there should be held, on that date, some suitable anniversary exercises, and be in further. Resolved - that it is the sense of this meeting of the legal voters, that the citizens of this town join with the Bedford Historical Society in preparing and carrying out a program befitting the occasion, and that the town officers elected by voters shall constitute a committee on behalf of the town for the purpose.

a true record

Attest: Abram E. Brown
Town Clerk—

Warrant
for
Town meeting
July 23. 04

Warrant for Town Meeting, July 23. 1904.

Middlesex. S.S.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford in said County:

Greetings.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday the twentythird day of July at 8 o'clock in the evening, there and then to act on the following articles.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of any committees and act on the same.

" 3. To see if the town will vote to record their vote of the last town meeting, March 7. 1904, whereby they voted to lay a new floor in the Town Hall.

" 4. To see if the town will vote to paint and repair the inside of the Town Hall, entrance and ante room, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do any thing in regard to the same.

" 5. To see if the town will vote to have electric lights put in the Town Hall building, or in any part of the building, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose or do any thing in regard to the same.

" 6. To see if the town will accept the Town way as laid out by the select men, through land of Charles W. O'Dowd and others on May 24. 1904, and filed with the Town Clerk, with plans of the same, and name the same.

warrant

continued. art 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for band concert or for any other purpose on the day of the celebration of the one hundred and seventieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town, or do any thing in regard to the same.

art 8. To see if the Town will alter or re-arrange the tariff or price of letting the Town Hall.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of July, 1904.

Living L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
George M. Dimond }
Henry D. Lyons } Bedford.

a true copy.

attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Bedford, Mass. July 23, 1904.

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1904.

Edward P. Kelley

Constable of Bedford

Song's
of Town
meeting
July 23. '04

The voters met agreeable to the call and acted as follows.
Art. 1. Chas George B. Blinn, Moderator.

2 No action taken.

3. Voted. To indefinitely postpone the article.

4 & 5. Voted. To consider the article under one head.

" " " Voted. To repair, paint and fix fore electric lighting the entire Town Hall building, and that the Select men constitute a committee to perfect the plan.

" " Voted: That the sum of five hundred ^{\$}(500) dollars be appropriated for repair on Town hall building and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select men borrow said sum, giving the note of the Town to be paid in two years from its date, at a rate of interest not exceeding four percent per annum.

Art. 6. Voted - to accept the town way as laid out by the Select men through land of Charles W. Dowd and others, and that it be known as Crescent street.

" 7 - Voted - To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five ^{\$}(125) for providing music for the anniversary celebration of September 26. 1904, and that said sum be drawn from funds in the Treasury, and that the Select men constitute a committee for expending the same.

Art. 8. Voted to refer the article to the committee on Public buildings who shall report at the next Town Meeting;

Voted To adjourn.

a true record -

attest. Abram E. Brown - Town Clerk.

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November 8.

Election

Town Meeting

Warrant for November Meeting.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford, on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at twelve o'clock A. M. at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open four hours at least) to bring in their votes for the Select men for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; a Governor and Lieut Governor of the Commonwealth; a Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General; Representatives in Congress for the fourth Congressional District, a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District, Senator for the Sixth Middlesex District, a Representative for the Seventeenth Middlesex District, a District Attorney for the County of Middlesex, a County Commissioner and two associate Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, a Sheriff for the County of Middlesex.

Also to act on the following articles relating to Town affairs viz. (the time for acting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock p.m.)

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator of said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear and act on reports of Committees especially that of the committee on Town Hall Scaff.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the brown-tail moth. appropriate any money for its destruction during the winter or do anything relating thereto.

asked. To say if the Town will reimburse the Trustees of the Public Library Corporation for the amount paid by them to reimburse the walls & ceiling of the library room.

asked. To say if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the necessary incidental expenses for the for the business of the financial year.

And you are directed to serve the warrant by putting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the next Town. Eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

You are further directed to make due return of the warrant with your findings thereon to the Select men at or before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this Twenty ninth day of October, in the year One thousand nine hundred and four.

Irving L. Hodgdon
George M. Demond
Henry D. Lyon } Select men of
Bedford

a true copy attested
Edward Walsh
Constable of Bedford.

Copy 2 of
Selectmen
in Bedford
Nov. 8. 1904
also of
Town meeting
at same date

Bedford, November 8, 1904.

Meeting was called to order at the time specified in the warrant (6 o'clock P.M.) by Selectman, Henry D. Lyon, who read the warrant and the constables return thereon. William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh, with Dudley P. Ladd having been appointed as ballot clerk and to preside at the registering of voters.

were duly qualified for their status by
 Abram E. Brown, Justice of the Peace and
 Town Clerk. The Town Clerk delivered to
 the Teller a sealed package from the Secretary of
 the Commonwealth, said to contain one hundred
 ballots, and took their receipt therefor, also
 delivered to them a copy of the voting list,
 signed by the registrar of voters. The ballot box
 was then opened, and the key turned
 held by the presiding officer. The polls
 were then declared to be open.

At four thirty (4.30) o'clock the polls were closed
 and there were found to be in the box one
 hundred eighty two ballots; although the register
 of the box only showed one hundred twenty
 four, there being an imperfect register
 through a fault in the mechanism of the
 box. The Town Clerk's voting list showed
 182 names checked, and the Teller
 that showed 182 ballots given out, while
 of the 300 ballots delivered to them
 they returned 118 as unused.

After the tellers had completed their
 work the following results were
 announced.

For Electors of President Vice President,
Corregan and Cox, Lokialah Lohr.
 Frederick W. Nagler 2; Charles N. Wentworth 2;
 Herman Koppke 2; Henry Koppke 2;
 John A. Fredrickson 2; John A. Anderson 2;
 John Kenny 2; James H. Daily 2;
 Edmund S. Mayo 2; John F. Wall 2;
 John F. Stevens 2; John E. Eustace 2;
 George Nelson 2; Carl D. Fredrickson 2;
 Dennis W. Gaff 2; Frank Bombach 2;

Debs and Hanford. Socialist

John Ellis 1; Henry A. Gibbs 1;
 Edgar N. Whitaker 1; Alva E. Lenton 1;
 Louis F. Weiss 1; Ernest C. Rich 1;
 John B. Cameron 1; Parkman B. Handus 1;
 Alfred B. Cutram 1; Charles W. White 1;
 George W. Galvin 1; Daniel W. German 1;
 Jacob Haertl 1; Herbert Mosman 1;
 Jeremiah J. Sullivan 1; Charles E. Lowell 1

Parker and Davis. Democratic

Patrick A. Collins 46; Henry W. Ely 46;
 Robert Abercrombie 46; William Hayer 46;
 James E. Estabrook 46; Herbert W. Lyon 46;
 Peter J. Brody 46; William B. Sullivan 46;
 Charles J. Barton 46; John A. W. M. Namu 46;
 Emory D. Loughlin 46; Lawrence J. Ligon 46;
 John W. Lu 46; James E. Catter 46;
 Charles S. Ashley 46; Thomas C. Thacker 46;

Roosevelt and Fairbank. Republican

William W. Croft 128; Edwin G. Curtis 128;
 Robert M. Woveh 128; Norman P. Wood 128;
 Calvin D. Paige 128; Walter Percy Hall 128;
 Newton P. Frye 128; George H. Dole 128;
 Clarence J. Fernald 128; George W. Perkins 128;
 Francis L. Auld 128; Milton C. Paige 128;
 Thomas Shuman 128; Abbot E. French 128;
 Benjamin Anthony 128; William A. Hyle 128;

Swallow and Carroll Prohibition

Napoleon B. Johnson 1; William V. Partridge 1;
 Wilbur M. Rurington 1; Alfred H. Evans 1;
 Richard D. Murphy 1; Alfred L. Cutting 1;
 George E. Batchelder 1; James K. Pease 1;
 Henry A. Smith 1; Joseph B. Dent 1;
 William V. Park 1; Roland K. Alger 1;
 Hiram B. Cron 1; William H. Cobb 1;
 Charles A. Chace 1; Daniel F. Chasman;

Watson and Miller - People's Party

E. Gerry Brown 2; George E. M^cNeill 2;
 Alvin M. Shaw 2; Francis Longfellow 2;
 Horace B. Foster 2; Benjamin Collier 2;
 Levi R. Pierce 2; G. Leonard M^cNeill 2;
 Henry Lemmon 2; Asa F. Hall 2;
 Thirick P. Field 2; George F. Washburn 2;
 Thomas S. Hodgson 2.

For Governor

John L. Bates 163; John Quincy Adams 0;
 Michael J. Barry 0; Oliver W. Cobb 0;
 William L. Douglass 65;

For Lieutenant Governor

Blank 14;
 Olof Bokelund 0; John C. Crosby 48;
 Frank P. Dyer 2; Curtis Fuld Jr. 106;
 Moretz E. Rucker 0;
 Blank 26

For Secretary

James A. Bruz nahan 0; Fanny J. Clary 0;
 Charles C. Hitchcock 1; Henry D. Little 33;
 William M. Olvi 116; Blank 32;

For Treasurer

Hubert C. Bartlett 0; Arthur B. Chapin 111;
 Edmund D. Codman 34; Andrew M. Gordon 1;
 Willard C. Wyli 1; Blanks 33;

For Auditor

Charles T. Burnham 0; Walter J. Hoar 1;
 Charles Stearns 1; Francis S. Sargent 31;
 Henry E. Lums 114; Blanks 35

Attorney General

Henry M. Dean 1; John P. Lohy 33;
 Herbert Parkes 112; John Weaver Thurman 0;
 Thomas Stevenson 0. Blanks 36.

For Representative in Congress (Fourth District)

Marcus A. Coolidge 34; John F. Mullan 0;
 Charles L. Linnell 111; Blanks 37;

For Councillor. (Sixth District)

John E. Brennan 0; John O'Brien 28;
 Walter Scott Watson 110; Blanks 44;

For Senator Sixth Middlesex District

For Chester W. Clark 111; Peter B. Murphy 26;
 Blanks - 45;

For Representative in General Court (Seventeenth District)

Thomas D. Gile 31; Harvey Whaler 115;
 Blanks 42;

For County Commissioners (Middlesex)

Francis Bigelow 112; Charles T. Drury 1;
 James E. Kelley 27; Blanks 42;

For Associate Commissioners (Middlesex)

Laughlin Cameron 5; Elnert E. Hopkins 4;
 David D. Strange 97; Edward Everett Thompson 81
 Blanks 177;

For District Attorney (Northern District)

John J. Devine 26; Lewis E. Putney 0;
 George A. Sanderson 113; Blanks 43

For Sheriff - Middlesex County

Frederick Bancroft 26; John R. Fairbairn 110
 John L. Mulholland 0; Blanks 42

November 8, 1894

Town Business

The articles of the warrant for Town business were taken up at 2-30 o'clock, and acted upon as follows. Viz.

- Art. 1. Chas Charles W. Jarvis. Moderator. Sworn
- Art. 2. Voted. That the subject of Revision of Town Hall Sheriff be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with instructions to prepare a schedule of prices for letting the Town Hall, or parts thereof; print and circulate the same, and report at an adjourned meeting.
- Art. 3. Voted: To appropriate the sum of twenty five ^{\$}25; dollars from any balance now in the Treasury. To be expended under direction of the Lee Warden for exterminating the brown tail moth, and doing anything to control it.

art 4. Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of twenty five
 \$25, dollar or such a sum as may be necessary from
 balance in Treasury, to reimburse the Trustee of the
 Library (or person) for money expended to decorate
 the walls & ceiling of the Library-room.

art 5. Voted: That the town appropriate two hundred
 \$200, dollar or such an amount as may be necessary
 for incidental expenses. The remainder of the present
 financial year, and that the same be included
 in the tax levy of 1915. The sum to be drawn the
 present year from balance in the Treasury.

Resolutions
 accepted
 Nov. 8. 1904.

Whereas: The Lexington & Boston Street Railway
 Company, did in June of this year increase its fare
 for certain rides from five cents to ten cents, and
 whereas the alleged compromise offer made offered
 by the Selectmen is a mere subterfuge on the part of
 said Company, which is available only to a small
 number and is wholly unsatisfactory to the
 citizens of the town - Now be it
 Resolved: That the Selectmen be and they
 are hereby requested forthwith to take all
 necessary and proper steps to compel the
 Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company
 to reduce its fare to a reasonable rate & to
 the schedule set forth in the resolution heretofore
 accepted by us, and the Selectmen are further
 requested to accept no compromise from said Company,
 which does not in substance and in spirit
 reduce said fare as aforesaid in such manner
 that the reduction may be availed of by all
 classes of our citizens alike.

a true record. Attest
 Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

District
Town Clerk's
Meeting
Nov. 8, 1904.

Concord. November 8, 1904.

Vote of Midwintery District
No. 7. for Representative to the General Court as determined
and declared at the Town Clerk's office, meeting held
at Concord November 8, 1904. at 12 o'clock M.

	Bedford.	Concord.	Lincoln.	Winton.	Total
Thomas L. Giles	31	205	63	46	345
Harvey Wheeler	115	580	78	192	965
Blank	<u>36</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>210</u>
	182	901	185	282	1520

and two certificates of election were pulled out for Harvey Wheeler
signed by.

Abram English Brown, Town Clerk of Bedford
Walter Carr " " of Concord
George L. Chapin " " of Lincoln
George W. Cutting " " of Winton

Adjourned
Town
Meeting

November 20, 1904.

The votes met agreeable to
adjournment. Charles W. Jenks, Moderator in chair.

Art. 2

The committee on Public Buildings made
a report which with slight modification was
accepted and adopted, and the following
schedule of prices for hire of the Town Hall was
made the action of the town. Town people for local
church and charity entertainments, Society meetings and dancing school

After noon (not after 6 P.M.)	—	—	—	2.00
Full light service per hour	—	—	—	.60
Half light service per hour	—	—	—	.30
7 to 10 p.m. with full light service	—	—	—	4.00
7 to 10 p.m. with half light service	—	—	—	3.00
per hour after with full light service	—	—	—	1.00
per hour after with half light service	—	—	—	.75
7 to 10 with one quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ light service	—	—	—	2.00
<u>Town people for Dance</u>				
7 to 10 p.m. with full light service	—	—	—	4.00
7 to 10 p.m. with half light service	—	—	—	3.00

continued.

Per hour after, with full light service - - -	\$1.00
Per hour after with half light service - - -	.75
Supper hall. - - -	2.00
Use of piano free to Towns people - - -	
<u>Cut of Town parties for any entertainment.</u>	\$5.00
Light for hour <u>dance excepted</u> - - -	.60
7 to 10 p. m. - - -	8.00
Per hour after - - -	6.00
Piano - - -	2.00
<u>Cut of Town parties for Dance.</u>	\$1.00
7 to 10 p. m. - - -	1.00
Per hour after - - -	1.00
Piano - - -	2.00
Supper room - - -	2.00

Voted to adjourn.

At true and attested, Abram E. Brown Town Clerk.

1905

Warrant for March Meeting.

Middlebury, S.S.

To each of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants
of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs,
to meet in the Town Hall of said Town, on Monday
the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the
forenoon. To act on the following articles of Town affairs:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- " 2. To hear reports of committees and Town Officers, and act upon the same.
- " 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the
polls to be kept open for voting for such officers the length
of time the meeting may decide on.
- " 4. To vote on the following question: viz.: Shall licenses be
granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the
Town of Bedford? Yes or No.
- " 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
- " 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the
repair of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- " 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting
the taxes and fix the compensation of the collector
of taxes, for the ensuing year.
- " 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes
to use all means for the collection of Taxes, which
the Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector
may use.

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Warrant for March Meeting Continued

- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- " 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses.
- " 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- " 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic meeting, under the direction of the Historical Society. To be held on or about the 9th of April.
- " 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Firemen's annual dance.
- " 14. To see if the Town will accept or receive the List of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
- " 15. To see if the Town will take any measures to secure better drainage to the land in the vicinity of the Shady Hill Nursery, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the member of the Fire Department from ten to fifteen dollars a year, or do anything in relation thereto.
- " 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide a cistern or well in Dyott Square, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 18. To see if the Town will vote to install Electric lights in the fire engine house, appropriate money for the same, or do anything in regard to the same.

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Warrant for March Meeting. Continued

- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide a cistern for fire purposes on Orchard Hill, or do anything in relation thereto.
20. To see if the Town will vote to paint the Town Hall building, appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation thereto.
21. To see what action the Town will take with reference to a gift of \$20. to be devoted to the maintenance of a public water supply for animals.
22. To see what action the Town will take to defend a possible suit for damages by Frank R. M. Dault et al in relation to a water way at Staple Mill, or do anything in regard to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Should fail not; and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford the twenty fifth day of February, A.D. 1905.

Erving L. Hoedgdon
George M. Desmond
Henry D. Lyons
Select men of Bedford.

Middlebury N.H. Bedford, March 6. 1905.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office as within directed. Edward Walsh

a true copy attested

Abraham E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Constable of Bedford

March 6.

Doings of Town Meeting.

1905

Article 1.

Chose Moderator Charles W. Jenks. duly sworn.
 The Moderator appointed Dudley S. Ladd. Teller: sworn.
 The registering ballot box was opened and shown to
 be empty; locked and the key held by the Constable.
 The meeting was declared by the moderator to be open
 for business.

Article 2.

Voted. that the reports of the several town officers as
 they appear in the printed book, also the report of the
 Selectmen on guide boards be accepted and placed on file.

Article 3.

Voted: that the polls be now opened for the choice of one
 Selectman for three years; one Assessor of taxes for three years;
 three fence viewers; one Overseer of the Poor for three years;
 a Town Treasurer; one Collector of Taxes. Two Auditors
 one Park Commissioner for three years; one member of the
 School Committee for three years. five constables,
 one Funeral Undertaker; one Surveyor of Highways;
 one Tree Warden; and they all be voted for on one
 ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open
 the same length of time for women to deposit votes
 for School Committee. After closing the polls
 at the time specified, and counting the ballots.
 the Moderator announced that the following
 officers were elected for the ensuing year.
 Polls kept open until 5:39 o'clock p.m.

Teller appointed and sworn. Louis Pfeiffer. Leominster S. Gil
 Selectman for three years Howard D. Skelton S.

Fence Viewers Irving L. Hodgdon S.
 William G. Hartwell S.
 David L. B. Fitch S.

Town Treasurer George Arthur Skelton S.

Weighers of Grain. Elisha G. Loomis; Howard M. Ward

March 6.

Doing of Town Meeting. ContinuedOverseer of Poor for three years. William B. Hughes.^s

Assessor of Taxes for three years. Irving L. Hodgdon.

Collector of Taxes

Abram E. Brown

Town Clerk for three years

Abram E. Brown.^sAuditors. Wallace G. Webster & Henry D. Lyons.^s

School Committee for three years. Elisha G. Loomis

Park Commissioners for three years. Oliver J. Lane.

Surveyor of Highways. David L. B. Fitch.^s

Trustees of Bedford Free Public Library Corporation for four years

Charles W. Jencks.

Shawshen Cemetery Committee for three years.

Abram E. Brown

Constables Charles E. Williams.^s A. Elmer BlakeJoseph B. M.^r Farland.^s Edward Walsh.Edward O. Kelly.^s

Funeral Undertaker. J. Newton Hartwell.

Tow Warden. Charles W. Jencks.^sField Drivers Edward J. Skilton.^s David L. B. Fitch.^sWilliam N. Mudge.^s George W. Howe.

Pound Keeper, Superintendent of Town Farm.

Surveyors of Lumber William Thompson.^s C. Willard Plastridge.Daniel E. Haynes.^s Howard M. Wood.^s Charles W. Clark.^sQuincy S. Cole.^s Oliver J. Lane.Surveyors of Wood and Bark Howard M. Wood.^s George W. Howe.^sWillis G. Lane.^s William N. Mudge.^s Charles W. Clark.^sQuincy S. Cole.^s Charles A. Walter.^s George M. Parker.^sDaniel E. Haynes.^s Joseph C. Swamy.^s

March 6

Doings of Town Meeting Continued.

article 4. An license to sell intoxicating liquors. For 10 : No 45 :

5. Voted. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.
For Schools forty five hundred dollars. \$4500.

" Text-books and Supplies - 300.

" Roads and bridges - 3200.

" Sidewalks - 200.

" Incidentals and removing snow. 3200.

" Support of Poor - 1200.

" Street Cights and lightning - 1200.

" Interest on debt and temporary loan 650.

" Fire department - 650.

" Public Library - 225.

" Observance of Memorial Day - 125.

" Old Burying Ground - 25.

" Shawshon Cemetery - 100.

" Sewing School - 55.

" The purchase of bonds for the Collector

of Taxes and Town Treasurers 40.

" Scales of weight and measures 25.

" building cisterns or wells 300.

" installing lights in Engine House 25.

" Extra for Roads in West District sub below-

art. 6

Voted: that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) of the amount appropriated for roads and bridges shall be divided as follows: South District, 20 percent; West District, 20 percent; North District, 20 percent; Centre District 40 percent; The sum of one thousand (\$1000) of the amount for highways shall be divided as follows: viz: Eight hundred (\$800) shall be spent in the Old Road to Billerica and two hundred \$200, shall be spent in the East District. Two hundred \$200 extra shall be spent in the West District; The Surveyor

March 6

Doings of Town Meeting Continued
of highways shall procure and use crushed stone
in his discretion.

Article 7.

Voted: That single poll taxes are payable on demand;
on all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before
the second Wednesday of October 1905 and the
remainder on or before the second Wednesday
of January of January 1906, a deduction of six
percent will be allowed. If the first instalment
is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be
demanded and collected according to law.

On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the
rate of six percent per annum shall be collected,
provided, however, that when one half of the tax
is paid on or before the second Wednesday of

October, interest shall be collected on the
remaining half, after the second Wednesday
of January, 1906, the compensation for the collection
of taxes shall be two percent upon all money
collected and paid into the Treasury;

" 8.

Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be authorized
to use all means for the collection of taxes
which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector
may use.

" 9.

Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a
temporary loan to and for the use of the
Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes
of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer
is hereby authorized and directed to borrow
from time to time, with the approval of
the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums
in the aggregate amounting to nine thousand
dollars and to execute and deliver
the note or notes of the Town therefor payable
within one year from the time the loan

March 6

Comp of Town Meeting. Continued.

is made with interest thereon, not exceeding five percent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

- Article 10. Voted. That the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.
11. Voted. That the observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
12. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for an historical meeting, or requested.
13. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for the firemen's annual dance.
14. Voted to accept and approve the following list of jurors.

James J. Connor, farmer; Hiram E. Young ice dealer;
 Charles A. Walter, painter; Charles E. Williams, Carpenter;
 Fay L. Kenrick, painter; Arthur E. Carson, Clerk;
 Hiram Law, agent; Edward P. Kelley, police officer;
 Horace A. Prescott, milk dealer; George W. Howe, farmer;
 Loren M. Hutchins, farmer; Joseph Taylor, tin smith;
 Edward A. Haselline, farmer; Mark W. Bagley, farmer;
 Richard A. Griffin, farmer; John G. Gannon, farmer;
 Frank A. Graham, mechanic; Quincy S. Cole, tin smith;
 Archibald Buchanan, harness maker; Irving L. Hodgson, stable keeper

15. This article was indefinitely postponed
16. Voted. To increase the salary of the members of the fire department from ten to fifteen dollars a year.

Journal of Town Meeting. Continued.

- Apr 17 & 19. Voted To appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars To build Cisterns or wells on Orchard Hill and at Elgar Square. and that the work be done under the direction of the Selectmen.
- " 18. Voted To install electric lights in the fire engine house, and appropriated twenty five (\$25) dollars for the purpose. To be spent under the direction of the fire engine man.
- " 20. Voted To paint the Town Hall exterior and To appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for the same. and that the work be done under the direction of the Selectmen.
- " 21. Voted To accept the gift of twenty (\$20) dollars To be devoted to the maintenance of a public water supply for animals. and the matter referred to the Selectmen.
- " 22. Voted. That the town appoint the Board of Selectmen agents for the town to appear and defend suits and legal proceedings against the town or involving the interests of the town, with power to employ counsel there in, when necessary. during the year commencing March 6, 1905.

Resolutions
on gift
of Historic
Gavel etc

Resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Reuben L. Reed, of South Acton, and others Contributing for the historical gavel and case presented to the town at the 175th anniversary celebration of the town in corporation Sept. 26, 1904, and that the same be placed on the records of the town and a copy of this vote be sent to Mr. Reed. Voted that the gavel & case be given in to the custody of Bedford Historical Society.

March 6.

Domingo of Town Meeting Continued

Art 2.

Was taken up for a second time. in the afternoon and after discussion it was voted to continue the Committee on repairs of Union School House.

Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug. 16. 1905.

for
August 16,
1905

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Wednesday the sixteenth day of August at 8 o'clock, P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of Town business.

Art. 1.

To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2.

To hear and act on the reports of any Committee.

" 3.

To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to complete the sanitary repairs now being made at the Union School or do anything in relation thereto.

and You are directed to serve this warrant by putting up attested copies, one at the Post Office, and one at the Town Hall. Eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place for said meeting given under our hand this seventh day of August 1905.

Irving L. Hodge don } Selectman of
Geo. W. Dimond } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford August 16. 1905. This certificate I have given and the within warrant by putting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office and within directed. Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford.

Journal of
Town Meeting
August 16, 1905.

Journal of Town Meeting August 16, 1905.
The voters met agreeable to call, and transacted
business as follows.

- Art. 1. Chose Moderator, Charles W. Jones, duly sworn.
.. 2. Committee on Sanitary Improvements & Union School
made verbal report by Charles F. Spaulding.
Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of
twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars to complete the arrangements
for supplying water to Union School House for Sanitary
purposes. The same to be expended under the
direction of the Committee now in charge of the
repairs.

Voted, that the Treasurer be hereby authorized
to borrow, with the approval of the Select men, a sum
not exceeding twelve hundred (\$1200, dollars, to be
used in completing the arrangements for supplying
water Union School House for Sanitary purposes,
in addition to the sum of one thousand (\$1000, dollars
provided by vote of April 2, 1904.

Resolutions.

The following Resolutions offered by Charles W. Jones,
were unanimously adopted.
" Where under Chapter 381, of the Acts of 1905, the
Superintendent for suppressing the gypsy and
brown-tail moth can advise and direct the Town of
Bedford to destroy eggs, pupae and nests of the
above insects, and under the same Chapter the Town
is compelled to expend 1/25 of 1% of its valuation for such
purposes, amounting for the half year to \$42.04,
and where no appropriation was made for this in
the tax levy for the present year 1905.

Resolved, That this Town Meeting expresses the opinion
that the Select men or the officer whom they may appoint
should expend during the present half year the whole of
said amount, \$42.04, or such part as maybe necessary,
in cooperation with the State officials and be reimbursed
from the Town Treasury from money from money which may be

in the Treasury or which may be raised and appropriated in the tax levy for '906."

Voted To adjourn at 9 o'clock P. M.
a true record, attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

1905

State Election
Town meeting
Nov. 7.

Middlesex S.S.

To each of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall of said Bedford on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at 2 o'clock A. M. at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open at least four hours) to bring in their votes for the Selection for the election of a Governor; and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth; a Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District; a Senator for the Sixth Middlesex District; a Register of Probate and Insolvency, and a County Commissioner.

Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs (the time for acting on the matters relating to Town Affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock P. M.)

Article I To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

II. To hear the reports of Committees and act on the same.

III To see if the town will vote to purchase a sewer pump and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose or do any thing in relation to the same.

IV. To see if the town will vote to purchase a set of runners for the road scraper. appropriate money

for the same, or do anything relating to the same.
 To see if the Town will designate an officer or Board to act with the Superintendent for suppressing the Gypsy and Brown tail moths, according to Section four Chapter 881 of the Public Statute or do anything in relation to the same.

VI. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars, or recommended by the Superintendent for suppressing the Gypsy and Brown tailed moth, or do anything in relation to the same.

VII. To see if the Town will vote to instruct their Treasurers to invest Cemetery Trust funds in making improvements in the Cemetery and anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the said Town. Eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

And if fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of October in the Year One Thousand nine hundred and five.

Erving L. Hodgdon
 Geo. W. Diamond

Howard D. Skellern
 Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford. Nov. 7. 1905

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, as within directed.

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford

State Election
1905
Nov. 7.

Bedford Nov. 7, 1905: Meeting was called to order at the time specified in the warrant. Six o'clock P.M., by Selectman Irving L. Hodgdon. The warrant was read with the constables' return thereon.

Edward W. Walsh, Dumey S. Cole and Dudley P. Ladd having been appointed as ballot clerk and offside at registering ballot box, were duly qualified by Eliza G. Loomis Esq.

The town clerk delivered to the tellers a sealed package said to contain two hundred ballots and took their receipt for the same. The ballot box was shown to be empty and the key turned held by the presiding officer. The polls were then declared to be open.

At four thirty (4-30) o'clock the polls were closed, and there were found to be in the box one hundred fifty five ballots, although the register showed two less. The voting list checked by the town clerk and that used by the tellers, agreed upon the number one hundred fifty five. Of the two hundred ballots given out, forty five were returned unused to the clerk, thereby accounting for the entire package.

After the tellers had completed their work the following results were announced:
A. Elmer Blake and Herbert L. Clark were appointed and sworn as ^{assessors} ^{tellers} for Governor.

Charles W. Bartlett,	41	James F. Carey	0
William H. Carroll,	0	Curtis Gould Jr.	111
Willard C. Wyllie	1	Blank	2

For Lieutenant Governor

Thomas F. Brennan	1	Eben S. Draper	100
Patrick Mahoney	0	John W. Smith	3
Henry M. Whitney	43	Blank	8

For Secretary:

Charles C. Hitchcock 0; Jonathan S. Lewis 3;
 Henry B. Little 26; William M. Clark 116;
 Moritz E. Richter 0; Blanks 10;

For Treasurer:

Christopher D. Albro 3; David S. Brodeur 0;
 Arthur B. Chapin 114; Joao Claudius 0;
 Daniel F. Doherty 21; Blanks 7;

For Auditor:

Patrick J. Ashe 23; Herbert B. Griffin 4;
 E. C. Fredrik Hansson 0; Ambrose Miles 0;
 Henry E. Turner 114; Blanks 14;

For Attorney General:

Allan Coffin 3; Henry C. Hess 0;
 John P. Leahy 24; Dana Malone 113;
 John Weaver Sherman 1; Blanks 14.

For Councilor:

Alfred E. Cox 113; George W. Enright 24;
 Wilbur R. Hatch 0; Blanks 16;

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District:

Chester W. Clark 117; Patrick J. O'Brien 24;
 Blanks 14;

For Representative in the General Court 17th Middlesex

AnTHONY J. Doherty 22; Harvey Wheeler 116;
 Blanks 17;

For County Commissioner: Middlesex.

Fredrick Bancroft 24; Levi S. Gould 113; Blanks 17;

For Register of Probate & Insolvency, Middlesex County

Alfred Blanger 25; William E. Rogers 113; Blanks 17.

- Town Business Business relating to Town Affairs
 Nov. 7. 1906. Meeting in connection with State Election;
 art 1. Chas. C. W. Jones, moderator. Sworn -
 .. 2. no action;
 .. 3. Voted - That the sum of Seventy five (\$75) dollars or such
 a part of it as may be necessary be appropriated
 from funds in the Treasury, to be expended in
 purchase of a sewer pump, under the direction of
 the Highway Surveyor.
 .. 4. Voted That the sum of Seventy five (\$75) dollars be
 appropriated for the purchase of a set of runners
 for the road scraper, under the direction of the
 Highway Surveyor.
 .. 5. Voted. to appoint the Town Warden to act with the
 Superintendent in suppressing the Gypsy and Brownie
 works, agreeable to the Statute. Section 4, Chapter 38 1/2
 .. 6. Voted. to appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars
 for suppressing the Gypsy and Brownie works.
 Said sum to be included in the last levy of 1906.
 .. 7. Voted: That the Town Treasurer is hereby instructed
 to invest such sum of money as have been deposited
 in the Treasury, since February 1, 1905, or maybe
 deposited in the future for the perpetual care of lots
 in Shawsham Cemetery, in improving the
 facilities of said Cemetery, under the direction
 of the Cemetery Committee.

Voted to adjourn
 at the record. Attest, Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk

District
Town Clerk
Meeting.

Concord, November 17, 1905-

Vote of Middlebury District No. 17,
for representation in the General Court, as determined
and declared at the Town Clerk's office, meeting held
at Concord November 17, 1905.

Anthony J. Doherty	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Weston	Total
	22	183	48	33	286
Harvey Wheeler	116	333	82	133	886
Blanks	17	35	6	15	73
	155	751	136	203	1245

Two certificates of election were filled out for Harvey Wheeler
signed by.

Abraham E. Brown, Town Clerk of Bedford.
Walter A. Carr " " " Concord.
George L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
George W. Cutting " " " Weston.
Middlebury S.S.

Warrant for
Town Meeting
March 5, 1906

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 5, 1906.

To the Justices of the Court of the Town of Bedford, Gratified.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Town
affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Town
on Monday the fifth day of March next, at nine
o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles
of Town affairs.

- Art 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2 To hear reports of Committees and Town officers and act
upon the same.
- 3 To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing
Year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers
the length of time the meeting may decide upon.
- 4 To vote on the question 'viz.' Shall license be granted
for the sale of Intoxicating liquors in the Town of
Bedford? Yes or No.
- 5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing Year and
make other provisions for the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued:

March 5, 1906

- Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- " 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- " 8. To see if the Town will authorize their collector to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.
- " 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- " 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.
- " 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial day.
- " 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic Meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th day of April.
- " 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the 'farmers' annual dance.
- " 14. To see if the Town will accept or revise the list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
- " 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of purchasing a case for the card catalogue now being prepared for the Public Library or do any thing in regard to the same.
- " 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars or such sum as may be necessary for the purpose of placing

Art 16 at least eight lights on the Shawshen Road,
 Continued. extending from the Great Road to its junction
 with Wilson Road, near the Lenick Hornstead,
 the same to be cared for and maintained as part of
 the present lighting system of the Town or to any
 thing in regard to the same.

Art 17 To see if the Town will vote to place railings on the
 dangerous parts of Shawshen Road and the Burlington
 Road, make an appropriation for the purpose or do any
 thing in regard to the same.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will delegate to the Selectmen the
 power to appoint the following Town officers, viz -
 Surveyors of Lumber, Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Manure,
 Weighers of Grain and Coal, and judges of liquid measures.

Art 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
 a sum of money sufficient to build a concrete sidewalk
 from the corner of Elm and Maple streets to the Union
 School Building, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate unexpended
 balances in the department of the Courser of the Poor,
 to work repairing the buildings at the Town farm.

And You are directed to serve this warrant
 by posting up attested copies, one at the Town
 Hall, and one at the Post Office seven days at least
 before the time and place of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings
 to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.
 Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February 1906.

Irving L. Hodgdon; Geo. W. Diamond. Howard D. Skelton
 Selectmen of Bedford.

Bedford, March 5, 1906. This certifies that I have served the within
 warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town
 Hall and at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford

March 5. 1906

Art. 1. Chose by ballot. using check list Charles W. Jenks, moderator^{S.}

2. Voted. That the report of the several Town Officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on guide boards, with one correction in a bill in the school Committee financial statement, be accepted and placed on file.

3. Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of one Selectman for three years; one assessor of Taxes for three years. Three fence viewers; one Overseer of Poor for three years; a Town Treasurer; one collector of Taxes. two Auditors; one Park Commissioner for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for four years; one member of the Erecting Committee for three years; five constables; one funeral undertaker; one Surveyor of Highways; one Tree Warden and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 8.38 o'clock P.M. also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for school Committee. D. P. Ladd was appointed and qualified to preside at the registering ballot box. Howard D. Skellton and Edward Walsh were appointed by the moderator to act as Tellers in counting and sorting ballots. They were duly qualified.

After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots. The moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

Selectman. Irving L. Hodgdon for three years. Sworn
Fence Viewers Irving L. Hodgdon, William G. Haddwell^{S.}
and D. L. B. Fitch^{S.}

Town Treasurer. George Arthur Skellton.

Overseer of the Poor for three years. William G. Haddwell^{S.}

Assessor of Taxes for three years. William G. Haddwell^{S.}

Collector of Taxes. A. Elmer Blake -

Auditors. Wallace G. Webber and Henry D. Lyons sworn

School Committee for the year. Ernest H. Hosmer,
Port Commissioner for the year Stephen A. Wood,
Surveyor of Highways. David L. B. Fitch Sworn
Trustee Bedford Free Public Library for four years Elmer G. Loomis
Thames Cemetery Committee for the year. George R. Blinn
Constables. A. Elmer Blake Sworn
 Edward Walsh Sworn
 Joseph B. W. Farland Sworn
 Charles E. Williams Sworn
 Edward B. Kealey Sworn -
Townal Undertakers. J. Newton Hartwell
Town Warden. Charles W. Jerke. Sworn

Field Drivers.

David L. B. Fitch & William H. Mudge.
 George H. Howe Luncy S. Cole

Pound Keeper

Superintendent of Town Farm. &

Surveyors of Lumber.

William Thompson &
 C. Willard Plastridge
 Herbert L. Clark.
 Charles W. Clark.
 Daniel E. Haynes,
 Luncy S. Cole
 Oliver J. Lane
 Edmund C. Hartwell.

Art. 4 Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors - Yes 42 (forty two) No 85 (Eighty five)

" 55 The Selectmen shall appoint not more than six
 measurers of wood and bark. shall appoint
 weighers of Grain and Coal. and Gaugers of Liquid
 measure

Doing of Town Meeting

March 5. 1916.

continued

art 5.

voted to raise and appropriate the following sum of money.

School	\$4000,	forty six hundred
School Supplies	\$250,	two hundred fifty.
Interest	\$700,	Seven hundred.
Bonds	\$50,	fifty
Public Library	\$250,	two hundred fifty.
Cemetery	\$100,	one hundred.
Old Burying ground	\$25,	Twenty five.
Incidentals & removing snow	\$200,	thirty two hundred.
Highways	\$4000	four thousand

art 6. voted that the sum of two thousand dollars shall be raised and appropriated as follows.

South District 20 percent; West District 20 percent; North District 20 percent; Centre District 40 percent, and that the sum of one thousand \$1000, shall be raised and appropriated as follows. \$800, Eight hundred shall be spent on the Old Road & Billerica Brookby Road or Page Road in discretion of surveyor and \$200, in the East District, And that the sum of \$1000 one thousand shall be borrowed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, for three (3) years, and that the same shall be spent on North Avenue in the vicinity of Dudley Road; and that crushed stone shall be procured and used in the discretion of the Highway Surveyor.

art 5- Side walks. \$200, Two hundred.
 Support of Poor \$1000 one thousand.
 Street lights. \$1425, fourteen hundred twenty five.
 Fire department \$800, Eight hundred.
 Decoration Day \$25, one hundred twenty five.
 Scales of weight and measure \$25, twenty five.

Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars. This amount to pay

work done in the fall of 1905, and to include the amount (\$484.88) required by law to be raised in 1906; the money to be spent by the local Superintendent under the direction of the State Superintendent. The money to be taken from what is or may be in the Treasury.

Ord.

7. Voted: That single poll taxes are payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before the second Wednesday of October 1906, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday of January, 1907, a discount of six percent, will be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be collected, provided, however, that when one half of the tax is paid, on or before the second Wednesday in October, interest shall be collected on the remaining half, after the second Wednesday of January, 1907. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two percent, upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury.
8. Voted: That the Collector of taxes is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.
9. Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums, in the aggregate amounting to \$9,000, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon, not exceeding five percent per annum. Any debt or debt incurred by loan or loans to the Town under the act shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art 10. Voted: That money received from dog licenses shall be applied to the support of the Public Library.

Art 11. Voted: To leave the plans for observing Memorial day shall with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee, with power to use the appropriation of \$125, one hundred twenty five dollars.

^{Voted.}
Art. 12 & 13. Free use of Town Hall to Historical Society and Fire Department as asked.

" 14. The following list of Jurors was approved and adopted.

James J. Connor.	Farmer.
Charles A. Waller.	Painter
Richard A. Griffin	Clergy man
Edward P. Kelly	Police Officer
Joseph Taylor	Plumber
Quincy S. Cole	Plumber
Irving L. Hodgdon	Stable Keeper
Michael F. Manning	Barber
Charles E. Gault	Farmer.
Edmund D. Skelton	Farmer
Henry A. Atwood	Fish Dealer.
Abram E. Brown	Quaker
John R. Allen	Farmer
A. Elmer Blake	Retired
John W. Brown	Farmer
William H. Temple	Furniture Dealer.
Willis G. Lane	Farmer
C. Willard Placbridge	Farmer
Dudley P. Ladd	Sole maker

Art. 15 Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five dollars for the purpose of purchasing a case for a card catalogue for the Public Library. The same to be expended under the direction of the Library Trustees.

- Art. 16. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of placing, at least, eight struts on the Shawheen Road, extending from the Great Road Dis-junction with Wilson Road, near the Kenrick Homestead, the same to be cared for and maintained as part of the present lighting system of the Town.
- Art. 17. Voted: To raise and appropriate (\$50) one hundred fifty dollars to place railings, or repair or construct fence in the dangerous place on Shawheen Road and on Burlington Road.
- Art. 18. Voted: To delegate to the Selectmen the power to appoint not more than 6 Surveyors of Wood, and Bark: measures of Grain and Coal and Gauges of Liquid measure.
- Art. 19. Laid on Table.
- Art. 20. Voted to appropriate the unexpended balance in the department of Censuses of the Poor towards repairing the buildings at the Town farm, and that authority for doing the same be delegated to the Censuses of the Poor.

Voted to adjourn

a true record attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk

Town Meeting
May 23
1906

Warrant for Town Meeting

Michael S. L.

To Edward Walsh, Constable of the Town of Bedford,
Bedford.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law, to vote in Elections
and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said
Bedford on Wednesday Evening, May 23^d, 1906,
at 8 o'clock, then and there to act on the following
questions contained in the Town Warrant.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To hear the reports of any Committee and act on the same.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will receive the vote of November
7, 1905, appointing the Ira Warlen or the
public officer to act with the State Superintendent
for suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Sailed moths,

Art. 4 To see if the Town will designate some Public
Officer or Board to act with the State
Superintendent for suppressing the Gypsy
and Brown Sailed moths according to Section
4, Chapter 381 of the acts of 1905,

Art. 5 To see if the Town will accept the provisions
of Section 24, Chapter 32, of the Revised
Laws relating to forest fires etc,

And You are directed to
serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the
same, one at the Constable's Office, and one at the
Town Hall. Eight days at least before the time of said
meeting. And fail not and make due returns
of your doings to the Town Clerk of said Bedford
at or before the time and place of said meeting.

given under our hands this fourteenth day
of May 1906.

Irving L. Hodgepeter
Geo M. Dismord
Howard D. Skelton

Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex, S. S.

Bedford, May 23^d, 1906. This certifies
that I have served the within warrant
by posting an attested copy of the same,
one at the Town Hall and one at the
Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh

Constable of Bedford

May 23, 1906.

Doings of Town Meeting May 23, 1906

Art. 1 Chose George R. Blinn, Moderator.

Art. 2 No action; no reports submitted.

Art. 3 Voted: To rescind the vote of November 7, 1905
whereby the Town Warden was elected to serve
with the State Superintendent for suppressing
the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen
be the Board of Officers to act with the
State Superintendent in suppressing
the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths.

Art. 4 Voted in the negative.

A true record

attest Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Warrant
for
State Election
and
Town-business
Nov. 6. 1906

Warrant for State Election and Town-business - November 6. 1906 -

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford-
Grating-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants
of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections
and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall
of said Bedford, on Tuesday the sixth day of November
next, at 6 o'clock, A. M., at which time the Polls
will be open, and they must be kept open at
least four hours, to bring in their votes for the
Selectmen for the Election of a Governor, and
Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary;
Treasurer, Auditor; Attorney General; Representative
in Congress; Councillor; Senator; a Representative
in the General Court for District No. 13; a County
Commissioner; Clerk of Courts; Register of Deeds;
and a County Treasurer.

Also to act on the following
articles relating to Town affairs the time for
acting on the matters in the warrant relating
to Town affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock P. M.

- art. I. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- art. II. To hear the report of Committee and act on the same.
- III. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
a sum of money sufficient to cover the additional
cost to the Town of High School tuition
occasioned by the withdrawal of the aid
heretofore received from the Commonwealth
under the provisions of Chapter 433 of the acts
of 1902.
- IV. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
a sum of money sufficient to carry out the

provisions of Chapter 502 of the acts of 1906 relating to medical inspection in the Public Schools.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a stated copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said Town Eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at, or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the Year one thousand nine hundred and six.

Irving L. Hodgdon, } Selectmen
George M. Desmond }
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford.

I do hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, as within directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable Bedford.
Bedford, November 6, 1906—

State Election

1906
Nov. 6,

State Election

Bedford, November 6, 1906. Meeting was called to order at the time specified in the warrant, 6 o'clock P.M., by Selectman Irving L. Hodgdon. The warrant was read with the constables return thereon.

Edward Walsh, John L. Blake and Dudley J. Ladd having been appointed as ballot clerk, and Dr. Merrill at the registering ballot box, were duly qualified by Elihu G. Loomis Esq.

The town clerk delivered to the tellers a sealed package said to contain one hundred ballots and took their receipt for the same. The ballot-box was shown to be empty, and the key thereof held by the presiding officer. The polls were then declared to be open.

at three o'clock p.m., by consent of the election officers the ballot box was opened and one hundred and fifty ballots were taken therefrom, and at 3-30 o'clock the polls were closed when eighteen ballots were found to be in the box, making the total vote cast one hundred sixty eight, (168). The check-lists kept by the Tellers and that kept by the Town Clerk each showed 168 names checked as having voted, and the registering ballot box agreed. A second package, having been given to the tellers they accounted for 32 ballots, by returning 32 as unused.

A. Elmer Blake was appointed during the telling and officer in count votes. He was duly qualified by Abram P. Brown, Town Clerk & Justice of the Peace.

After the telling had completed their work the following results were announced.

For Governor

Samuel Bradford 0;	James F. Carey 0;
William W. Carroll 0;	Curtis Guild Jr. 126;
John B. Moran 38;	Blanks 4.

Lieutenant Governor

E. Gerry Brown 39;	Harvey S. Cowell 3;
Eben S. Grover 112;	Walter J. Hoar 0;
John F. Waller 0;	Blanks 14;

Secretary

Joaa Blandino 0;	Ambrose Mills 0;
Jonathan L. Lewis 2;	William M. Allen 121;
Charles C. Paine 27;	Blanks 18.

Treasurer and Receiver General

Arthur B. Chapin 118;	George B. Cushman 0;
L. Frederick French 3;	George M. Harrigan 29;
David F. Richardson 0;	Blanks 18.

Auditors.

Albert Barnes 0; Thomas L. Hesgar 32;
 Fred L. Johnson 0; James F. Plase 3;
 Henry E. Lerner 114. Blanks 9.

Attorney General.

Allen Coffin 2; Dana Malone 112;
 Arthur E. Reimer 1; John Weaver Sherman 0;
 John A. Thayer 35. Blanks 18.

Representative in Congress.

Timothy Richardson 12; Charles L. Lurill 123,
 Blanks 33.

Councillor.

John C. Call 1; Edward Gallagher 25,
 Seward W. Jones 117. Blanks 23.

Senator, Seventh Middlesex District.

John P. Farley 26; Charles W. Pratt 0;
 James Wilson Grimes 117. Blanks 25.

Representative in General Court.Thirteenth Middlesex District.

Anthony J. Doherty, 32.
 Albert H. Cassmeyer 114.
 Blanks 22.

County Commissioner

Oscar J. Johnson 1; Patrick E. Sullivan 24;
 Samuel A. Clegham 118; Blanks 25.

Clerk of Court.

Theodore C. Hurd 121; Charles E. M. Carthy 25;
 Blanks 22.

Registrar of Deeds.

Edwin C. Childs 125; Seymour J. Milliken 7;
 Blanks 27.

County Treasurers
 Joseph O. Hayden 123; John O'Brien 24;
 William Parker 10 Blanks 20.

Town business Business relating to Town affairs.
 Nov. 16 '06 Chose as Moderator, Charles W. Jenks. (Sworn)
 art. 4. no action -
 art. 4. Voted - To indefinitely postpone the article.
 " 18. Voted That the sum of fifty (\$50.) dollars be appropriated
 from funds in the Treasury for the purpose of employing
 a medical inspector for the Public Schools.
 Voted to dissolve the meeting for Town business.

a true record. Attest, Abram E. Brown Town Clerk.

District No. 13. Meeting of Town Clerks of District No. 13.
 Town Clerks' meeting Concord, November 16. 1906 -

At a meeting of the
 Clerks of the towns comprising District No. 13.
 held at Concord, November 16. The following was the
 result of the vote for Representatives to Genl. Court.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Weston	Wayland	Sudbury	Total
Anthony J. Doherty	32	220	93	53	160	32	590
Albion F. Parmenter	114	491	47	180	259	132	1233
Blanks	22	76	9	31	28	15	181
	168	787	149	274	447	179	2004

Two certificates of election were filed out for Albion F. Parmenter
 signed by -

Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk of Bedford,
 Walter G. Carr " " Concord.
 Geo. L. Chapin " " Lincoln.
 Geo. W. Cutting " " Weston.
 Danl. Brocklett " " Wayland.
 Jonas S. Hunt " " Sudbury.

Town Meeting
January 10 1907.

Warrant for Town Meeting

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford, on Thursday the tenth day of January at 8 o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles.

Art 1. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250.) dollars as required by the State for suppressing the Cyprus and Brown tailed moths. The same to be expended between January 1. and May 1. 1907. and You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, in said Town, eight days at least before the time of said meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24. day of January 1907.

Living L. Hodgdon
George M. Dimond
Howard D. Skelton

Selectmen
of
Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford. January 10 1907.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, as within directed. Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford.

Dorothy's Art. chose Charles W. Jarvis. moderator. who was duly qualified

Town Meeting. 2. Voted that the town raise and appropriate
January 10 1907. the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars for the
purpose of exterminating the Gypsy and Brown tail
musk. The same to be expended between January 1.
and May 1, 1907. and that the sum be raised
in the tax levy of 1907.

Voted. that the Selectmen be and lawfully are authorized
and empowered to draw on the Treasury for the
sum of \$250.

Voted to Adjourn -
a true record attested

Abram P. Brown, Town Clerk.
Bedford. January 10. '07.

Warrant Middlesex S.S.
Town Meeting To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
March 4. 1907 Greeting:-

In the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of
the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in
Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town-
Hall in said Bedford on Monday, the fourth day
of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then
and there to act on the following articles of the Town
Warrant:-

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator & President at said Meeting.

2. To hear the reports of Committee and Town Officers
and act upon the same.

3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year
the polls the before for voting for said officers.
the length of time the meeting may decide upon.

4. To vote on the question viz: Shall License be granted
for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town
of Bedford? Yes or No.

- Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair and bridges for the ensuing year.
7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the Taxes and fix the Compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the Collection of Taxes, which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.
9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses.
11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe memorial day.
12. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th of April.
13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the future annual dance.
14. To see if the Town will accept or revise the list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
15. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the various Town officers or do anything in regard to the same.

- art 16. To see if the Town will adopt the following scale of wages and time for men and horses employed by the Highway Department, namely, 8 hours constitute a day work for men and horses, the Superintendent to receive \$2.25 per day, the men \$2.00 per day, and for the use of horses 1.50 per day for each horse.
17. To see if the Town will take any action with regard to inclosing Webster Avenue, and raise and appropriate such sum as may be necessary therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. To be spent in extending the stone road way on Fletcher Road, or do anything in relation to the same.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. to continue the work of placing railings on the dangerous places on the highway, or do anything in relation to the same.
20. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new chemical combination fire wagon, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
21. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Old Thawshen Engine, or do anything in relation to the same.
22. To see if the Town will vote to expend the unexpended balance of last year Fire Department money to provide a pole for the ladder truck, or do anything in relation to the same.
23. On request of Charles W. Clark and others. To see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the Davis Road in West Bedford, raise and

appropriate money for that purpose, or doing any
in regard to the same.

and you are directed to serve
the warrant by posting attested copies one at the
Town Hall, one at the Post Office, eight days at least
before the time of said meeting.

Shew fail not and make due returns of
your doings there to the Town Clerk at or before
the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of
February, 1907.

Frederic L. Hodgdon.

Geo. M. Diamond

Howard D. Skelton

Selectmen of Bedford.

I hereby certify that I have served the within
warrant by posting attested copies of the same,
one at the Post Office, and one at the Town
Hall as within directed.

Edward Walsh,

Constable of Bedford

March 4, 1907.

Doings
of
Town Meeting
March 4, 1907.

Art. 1 - Chose Charles W. Jenks, moderator, sworn.

.. 2. Reports of Committees are printed in Town-book accepted.
Report of Selectmen on Quail boards and guideposts
accepted, and ordered on file.

Resolution in
Legacy of
William J. Niles

Resolved, that the bequest of Mr. William J.
Niles, of five thousand (\$5000) dollars be accepted
and that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized
to receive and receipt for the same.

Resolved that the five thousand (\$5000) dollars
from the estate of William J. Niles be called
the William J. Niles fund, and that the

William J. President and Treasurer, for the time being
of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.
He a Committee to attend to the investment
thereof, with instructions to report annually
hereafter to the Town as to the investment and
income of the same.

Annual
Town
Meeting
for
Raising
and
appropriating
money.
Resolved, that it is the sense of the meeting
that in the future the annual Town Meeting
shall open at 7 o'clock P.M. and that the
part of the warrant relating to the raising
of money, and such other articles as the
meeting may direct, shall be referred
to and adjourned Town Meeting to be
held in the Evening, at such time as the
meeting may direct.

art. 3. Voted, that the polls be now opened for the choice
of one Selectman for three years, one assessor of taxes
for three years, three fence viewers, one overseer of the
poor for three years, a Town Treasurer, one collector
of taxes, two auditors, one Park Commissioner for
for three years, one member of the School Committee
for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for
four years, one member of the Cemetery Committee
for three years, five constables, one Surveyor of
Highways, one Fire Warden, and that they all
be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and
that the Polls be kept open until 4-5 o'clock
P.M., also that the Polls be kept open the same
length of time for women to deposit votes for
School Committee. At the close of the Polls.
Elihu G. Loomis and Edward C. Mason were appointed
by the Moderator to sort and count votes. They
were duly sworn. The result of the ballot
is as follows—

Officers elected
March 4. 1907
Art. 3

Selectman for next year. George M. Dinnard. S.
Taxes reviewed {
Ernest L. Houghton. S.
William G. Hartwood. S.
David L. B. Fitch. S.

Town Treasurer George Arthur Skelton.

Overseer of Poor for next year. Charles E. Williams. S.

Assessor of Taxes for next year. Willis G. Lane.

Collector of Taxes. A. Elmer Blake.

Auditors { Wallace G. Webster S.

Henry D. Lyons S.

School Committee for next year Mrs Winifred B. J. Smirde.

Park Commissioners for next year. Elihu G. Loomis. S.

Surveyor of Highways. David L. B. Fitch. S.

Trustees of Bedford Free Public Library {
for four years { Abram E. Brown

Shawheen Cemetery Committee {
for next year { Charles W. Jenks

Constables { Charles E. Williams S.
A. Elmer Blake S.
Edward Walsh S.
Edward S. Kelly S.
John L. Blake S.

Town Warden. Charles W. Jenks. S.

Surveyors of Lumber, chosen by acclamation:

William Thompson S.

C. Willard Plastridge.

Charles H. Clark S.

Olivier J. Lane

Daniel E. Haynes

Lumcy S. Cole

Edwin A. Hartwell

Herbert L. Clark

Roger W. Brown

Officer
for 1907
continued

Field Division -

{ George H. Howe
Laney S. Cole
Patrick Rooney S.
William H. Mudge

Pound Keeper. The Superintendent of the Town Farm. S.

Art. 4. Voted on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor - No. 65
Jan 5.

" 5. Appropriations.

\$ 4600.	for schools -
250.	" School supplies
700.	" Interest (from sinking fund)
40.	" Bonds.
250.	" Public Library
100.	" Cemetery
25.	" Old Burying Ground.
3200.	" Incidentals and removing snow.
8000.	" Highways.
200.	" Gate walks.
1000.	" Support of Poor.
1480.	" Street lights.
800.	" Fire Department.
125.	" Memorial Day.
25.	" Scales of weights & measures.
50.	" For medical inspection of schools.
600.	" Macadamizing Webster Avenue.
200.	" " Fletcher Road
100.	" " Placing rail rods at dangerous
	" places on the highways
	" " procuring protection for the
	" Colonial banner.
50.	

Art. 6. Method for repairing roads and bridges -
Voted. That the sum of two thousand (\$2000)
dollar of the amount appropriated for roads and
bridges shall be divided as follows.
South District - 20 percent; West District 20 percent;

North District 20 percent; Centre District 40 percent; .
 The sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars of the amount
 for highways shall be divided as follows, viz. Eight-
 hundred (\$800) dollars shall be spent on the Old
 Road to Wilburia, Brooksby, or Page Road, in
 the discretion of the Highway Surveyor; Two
 hundred (\$200) dollars shall be spent in the East
 District; The Surveyor of Highways shall
 procure crushed stone in his discretion;

Art. 7.

Voted, That single Poll taxes are payable on demand;
 On all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before
 the second Wednesday of October 1907, and the
 remainder on or before the second Wednesday
 of January 1908 a deduction of six percent will be
 allowed. If the first instalment is not paid
 promptly, the whole tax will be demanded
 and collected according to law. On all taxes
 not paid when due, interest at the rate of
 six percent per annum shall be collected,
 provided, however, that when one half of the tax
 is paid on or before the second Wednesday
 in October, interest shall be collected on the
 remaining half, after the second Wednesday
 of January 1908. The Compensation for the
 Collection of taxes shall be two percent upon
 all money collected and paid into the Treasury.

Art. 8.

Voted, That the Collector of Taxes be authorized
 to use all means for the collection of taxes
 which a Town Treasurer, when appointed
 Collector, may use.

Art. 9.

Voted, That for the purpose of procuring a tem-
 porary loan to aid for the use of the Town of Bedford
 in anticipation of taxes of the present
 Municipal Year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized
 and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the
 approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums

in the aggregate amounting to \$9,000 dollars.
and execute and deliver the note or notes of the
Town therefor, payable within one year from the
time the loan is made, with interest thereon
not exceeding five percent per annum. Any
debt or debts incurred by loan or loans of the
Town under this vote shall be paid from the
taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 10. Voted. That the money received from Dog Licenses
be appropriated towards the support of the
Free Public Library.

Art. 11. Voted. That the observance of Memorial Day
be left to the direction of the Selectmen and
Cemetery Committee.

Art. 12. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for
a patriotic 'meeting' on or about the 7th of April
to be held under the direction of the Bedford
Historical Society.

Art. 13. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall
for the firmers annual dance.

Art. 14.
July 1st
1907

List of Jurors as revised and accepted.	
Richard A. Griffin.	Chapman
Erving L. Haddadon	Stoddard
Michael F. Manning	barber
Charles E. Gault.	farmer.
Edmund D. Skellton	"
Henry C. Atwood	fish dealer
John R. Allen	farmer.
A. Elmer Blake	retired
John W. Brown	farmer.
Quincy P. Laclod	Soliman
John E. Hammer	farmer
Edward Walsh	"
Charles E. Williams	painter

July last
Continued

David L. B. Fitch.	farmer
Charles H. Wood	"
George P. Davis	"
Charles W. O'Dowd	Carpenter
Norbert M. English	"
Edward B. Connors	farmer
Edward Lackney	"

Art. 15.
Salaries
of
Officers

Resolved. To increase the salaries of the Town officers as follows.

Town Clerk	10	\$75. per annum.
Town Treasurer	"	100. " "
Selectmen (chairman)	10	100. " "
others	"	50 " " each.
Assessor (Chairman)		60. " "
others		50 " " each
Assessors of Poor (Clerk)		50 " "
others		25 " " each
Registrars		10 " " each
Auditors		10 " " "

and voted that these amounts shall remain in force until changed by vote of the Town.

Art. 16.
Wages
for
Highway
Labor

Resolved. To adopt the following scale of wages and time for men and horses employed in the Highway Department, namely. 7 hours to constitute a days work for men and horses. The Superintendent shall receive \$2.²⁵/₁₀₀ per day. the workmen \$2.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per day. and for the use of horses \$1.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ per day for each horse.

Art. 17.

Resolved To raise and appropriate six hundred (\$600). dollars to macadamize Webster Avenue.

Art. 18.

Resolved. To raise and appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars to extend the macadam on Fitch Road.

Art. 19.

Resolved To raise and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars to continue the placing fence at dangerous places on the highway.

Art. 20. Voted. That the Town purchase a combination Chemical and Horse Wagon, at a cost not to exceed two thousand (\$2000) dollars and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow with the approval of the Selectmen, a sum not exceeding two thousand (\$2000) dollars, payable as follows, one half in two years, and one half in three years.

Voted. To appoint a committee to carry out this vote for purchasing the Chemical and Horse Wagon. The Board of Selectmen together with Charles E. Williams and John L. Blake.

Art. 21. Voted. To sell the old Shawsham Engine and to apply the proceeds ~~towards~~ towards paying for the combination Chemical and Horse Wagon.

Voted. That a committee for said sale shall be the Board of Selectmen together with Charles E. Williams and John L. Blake.

Art. 22. Voted To expend the unexpended balance of last year Fire Department Appropriation to provide a pole for the ladder truck.

Art. 23. Voted To put upon the business of this article to the next town meeting.

Art. 24 Voted. To authorize and empower the Trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation to procure a fire proof protection for the Colonial banner, and to authorize them to expend a sum not to exceed fifty (\$50) dollars, and Voted to raise and appropriate said sum for that purpose.

Records were read and approved
and the meeting adjourned. A true record, attested
Abraham E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Warrant

for

Town Meeting

May 15, 1907.

Warrant for Town Meeting:-

To Edward Walsh, Constable

of the Town of Bedford, Grating.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified
by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the
Town Hall of said Town on Wednesday the
fifteenth day of May, 1907 at eight
o'clock in the evening, to act on the following
articles of Town affairs, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 131 of
the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1907 entitled
"an act to authorize the Town of Bedford
to supply itself with water", or do anything in
relation to the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to construct and
maintain a system of water supply in accordance
with the provisions of Chapter 131 of the Acts
of the Legislature of the year 1907, authorizing the
same, or do anything in relation to the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate \$300.00, to carry on the work of extermination
of the Gypsy and brown-tail moths, or do any
thing in relation to the same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of \$450.00, for the purpose
of placing a memorial stone in the Pilgrim
monument to be erected at Provincetown.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting attested copies, one at the Town
Hall and one at the Post Office, eight.

days at least before the time of said meeting.

We fail not and make our returns of your doings thence, to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

GIVEN under our hands at Bedford this fourth day of May A.D. 1907.

Living L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Geo. M. Diamond }
Howard D. Skellon } Bedford.

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by putting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office, and one at the Town Hall or within directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable Bedford.

May 15. 1907.

Doings Art. 1. Chose Charles W. Jenks. Moderator.

of
Town Meeting
May 15
1907.

2. Voted to proceed to ballot on the following question
"Shall the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 131. of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1907, entitled 'an act to authorize the Town of Bedford to supply itself with water'."

The ballot was taken by use of check list, and the result was as follows: Yes 108 } 113.
No. 5. }

3.

Voted. That the Town proceed to construct and maintain a system of water supply in accordance with the authority conferred by the provisions of Chapter 131 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1907.

Voted - That a roll call of the voting list be taken to ascertain how many people will agree to take water in their homes, or agree to pay the necessary increase of rental, if tenants of houses.

said roll call resulted as follows, viz.

Jer 103; No. 8; not within proposed water district
106. total voting or responding 217.

Art. 4. Voted & appropriated the sum of \$300.00 to be expended from money that now is or may be in the Treasury, towards the extermination of the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

. 5. This article laid upon the Table.

Voted & adjourn -

a true record - attested, Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Warrant
for
Town Meeting
June 8, 1907

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford, on Saturday, the eighth day of June, 1907 at six forty-five (6:45) o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- " 2. To choose by ballot three persons who shall constitute a Board of Water Commissioners, and who shall hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual Town meeting.
- The above named officers are to be elected agreeably to and in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter one hundred and thirty-one (131) of the acts of the General Court of the year 1907, which was duly accepted by the majority of the votes of the town, at a Town Meeting duly called and held on the fifteenth day of May 1907.

Warrant
for
Town Meeting
June 18 1907
Continued.

The polls will be open as soon as possible after the organization of the meeting, and will be kept open four hours at least, or as much longer as the meeting may direct, but in no case after the hour of sunset.

You are hereby further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Saturday June eighth 1907, at eight o'clock P.M., to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to forthwith establish and construct a system for supplying the Town of Bedford and its inhabitants with water, agreeably to and in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter one hundred and thirty-one (131) of the acts of the General Court of the year 1907, or to act in any manner relating thereto.
3. To see if the town will vote to provide a sum not exceeding fifty thousand \$50,000 dollar for the purpose of establishing and constructing a system for supplying water for the Town of Bedford, and its inhabitants, as authorized by Chapter one hundred and thirty-one (131) of the acts of the General Court of the year 1907, or act in any manner relating thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in the Town of Bedford, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

And if fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this thirty first day of May 1907
 Irving L. Hodgdon; George W. Dimond; Howard D. Shelton } Selectmen of Bedford.

Warrant for
Town Meeting
June 8. 1907.

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, one at the Post Office, and one at the Town Hall or within thereof.

Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford,
Bedford, June 8. 1907.

Don't
Town Meeting
June 8. 1907.

The meeting was called to order at six forty five (6:45) o'clock P. M. by Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk, who proceeded to read the warrant, after which the following business was transacted, viz:

Art. 1. Chas Charles W. Jenks, moderator, who was duly qualified. The moderator appointed as tellers, Loring L. Hodgson and Dudley D. Ladd, they were duly qualified.

Art. 2. Voted: that the town proceed to elect by ballot three persons who shall constitute a Board of Water Commissioners, who shall hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting; and that all these candidates for water Commissioners be voted for upon one ballot, and that the polls be kept open until seven o'clock (7:13) o'clock P. M.

The polls were then declared to be open and were kept open the prescribed time; at the expiration of which, the polls were closed and the result of the balloting was found to be as follows:

George M. Demonds for three years 88 ballots,
Henry D. Lyons for two years 89 ballots,
Charles A. Burke for one year 85 ballots,
Arthur W. Parker for one year 1 ballot.

The moderator declared the following to be elected
George M. Demonds for three years³ Henry D. Lyons for two years²
Charles A. Burke for one year¹ voted to slip over the meeting

A true record
attest, Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Donner's
Town Meeting
of June 8
1907
at eight
o'clock
p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the Constable's return upon the same. The following business was transacted.

Art. 1. Chose Charles W. Smith, Moderator, who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Date for
appropriating
\$50,000.
for a
water
system
taken by
a Year & Day
Ballot using
the check
list.
The below
Voted
Year 130
No. 3.

Art. 2. Voted: - That the board of Water Commissioners be and hereby is authorized and instructed to forthwith establish and construct a system for supplying the Town and its inhabitants with water as provided by Chapter 131 of the acts of the General Court of the year 1907.

Art. 3. Voted: - That a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in establishing a system of water supply for the Town and its inhabitants, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131 of the Acts of the General Court of the year 1907, and that and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the board of Water Commissioners, be and hereby is authorized to issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrips to an amount not exceeding said sum of fifty thousand dollars; such bonds, notes or scrips shall bear on their faces the words "Town of Bedford Water Loan" and shall be payable in annual payments of the sum of two thousand (\$2000) dollars, beginning five years after the first issue of such bonds, notes or scrips and continuing until the amount so issued has been fully paid. Such bonds, notes or scrips shall bear interest, payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, and shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Water Commissioners. The Town Treasurer is hereby authorized. Subject-

of the Water Commissioners

to the approval of all for not less than the par value
 value of said bonds, notes or script at public or private
 sale or to pledge the same for money borrowed for the
 purpose herein set forth. Of the amount herein
 appropriated a sum not exceeding two
 thousand (\$2,000) dollar may be expended
 by the board of water commissioners in prelim-
 inary investigation and tests to locate an adequate
 source of supply for said water system,

Resolution.
 in regard
 to territory
 to be covered
 by the above
 water system.

Resolved - That the system of water supply referred
 to in the vote authorizing the expenditure of
 fifty thousand \$50,000, dollar covers substantially
 the territory shown on the plan filed during
 this meeting with the Town Clerk, excepting
 from said territory the unaccepted streets.
 The above resolution was passed in the
 affirmative by a unanimous voice vote, and
 no negative.

A true record,
 Attest - Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Election and Town Business

November 5, 1907

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford.
Grafton:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants
of said town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and
town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall of said Bedford
on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at 6
o'clock P.M. at which time the polls will be open
(and they must be kept open at least four hours) to
bring their votes to the Selection for the election
of a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the
Commonwealth; a Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor;
Attorney General; Councillor; Senator; Representative
in the General Court; County Commissioner; Associate
Commissioner; District Attorney and Sheriff.

Also to act on the following article relating
to town affairs (the time for acting on the
matters in the warrant relating to town affairs
is 2 o'clock P.M.).

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To hear reports of Committees and act on the same.

3. To see if the Town, in accordance with the
resolution adopted at the town meeting in March 5,
will vote to open the polls hereafter at the annual
town meeting in March at 7 o'clock P.M. and
hereafter also at the same meeting to adjourn
all matters of town business until 8 o'clock
in the evening of the same day.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of
one hundred (\$100) dollars for the purchase of
harnesses for the fire department or do any
thing in relation to the same.

Art 5. To see if the Town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 381, of the acts of the General Court of 1905 and its amendments, will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250. for the work of suppressing the Gypsy and brown tail moths.

And You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said Town, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant, with Your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of October one thousand nine hundred seven.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
George M. Diamond }
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford.

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, one at the Post Office, and one at the Town Hall or where directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford
November 5, 1907.

State Election

State Election
November
1907.

Bedford. November 5, 1907. Meeting was called to order at the time specified in the warrant, 6 o'clock A.M. by Selectman Irving L. Hodgdon. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk, Abram E. Brown, and the Constable's return on the same was read. Edward Walsh; John L. Blake and Dudley D. Ladd, having been appointed as ballot clerk and dispenser at the registering ballot box, were duly qualified by Abram E. Brown.

Justice of the Peace.

The Town Clerk delivered

delivered to the Teller, a sealed package said to contain one hundred ballots and took their receipt for the same. The ballot box was shown to be empty and the key thereof delivered to John L. Blake, constable. The poll was then declared to be open.

The meeting having voted to keep the poll open until 4-30 o'clock P.M. They were opened at that hour, and one hundred thirty five ballots were taken therefrom. The check list kept by the tellers showed that number of names to have been checked, or voting, and the check list kept by the Town Clerk showed the same number of names or having deposited their ballots, thus agreeing with the register of the ballot box. The tally was declared to be perfect.

A. Elmer Blake was appointed to assist the tellers and election officers in sorting and counting votes, and was duly qualified. After the tellers had completed their work the following results were announced.

For Governor

Charles W. Bartlett 2; Thomas J. Brennan 0;
John W. Brown 0; Harvey S. Cowell 1;
Curtis Guild Jr. 99; Thomas L. Higdon 13;
Henry M. Whitney 14; Blanks 6.

Lieutenant Governor.

E. Leroy Brown 14; John I. Cahill 0;
Eben S. Draper 95; Walter J. Hoar 0;
Robert Lawrence 0; Jonathan L. Lewis 2;
George A. Dofield 17; Blanks 7.

Secretary.

Solon W. Bingham 2; Addison J. E. Charvat 14;
John Hall Jr. 0; William H. Allen 98;
Arthur E. Reimer 0; Dennis J. Ring 9.
Blanks 17.

Treasurer

Albert Barnes 0; Edward J. Cantwell 10;
 Arthur B. Chapin 75; William D. Connery 0;
 Daniel F. Doherty 14; Charles C. Ditchcock 0;
 Edward Kendall 2; Blanks 14.

Auditor

Joao Claudino 0; Joseph A. Conry 14;
 Thomas E. Finnerty 10; George G. Hall 0;
 James J. Pease 2; Henry E. Larnier 93;
 Blanks 16. —

Attorney General

Allen Coffin 2; Dona Malone 94;
 John W. Hart 0; James E. M. Connell 15;
 William W. Cessgood 14; Harvey H. Pratt 0;
 Gilbert G. Smith 0; Blanks 10.

Councillor. — Sixth District.

Alvin S. Bennett 18; Seward W. Jones 93;
 William H. Partridge 3; Blanks 21.

Senator. Seventh Middlesex District.

William F. Curtin 18;
 James Wilson Grenier 94
 Blanks 23.

Representative in General Court. 13th Middlesex District.

Alfred L. Cutting 92; Blanks 43.

County Commissioner.

Francis Bigelow 94; George A. de Lord 17;
 Austin B. Robbins 1; George W. C. Smith 10.
 Blanks 13.

Associate Commissioners

James H. Christie 6; George B. Gliddon 9
 Matthew W. Quirk 6; David J. Strange 76;
 Edward Everett Thompson 64; Charles A. Ward 2.
 Blanks 107.

District Attorney Northern District.

John J. Higgins 96.
 John J. McCune Jr. 18. Blanks 21.

Sheriff.

John R. Fairbairn 95.
 Albert A. Wehr 1.
 George W. Wilkins 20. Blanks 19.

The vote on the following question and result was -
 "Shall the proposed Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Governor, with the consent of the Council, to remove Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public be approved and ratified?"

Yes 52. No 9. Blanks 74.

Town Business

Nov. 5, 1907

Business relating to Town Affairs:

Art. 1. Chose Moderator, Charles W. Jewell. (Sworn)

" 2. No reports were offered.

" 3. Laid on table.

" 4. Voted: That the town appropriate from money that may be in the Treasury, the sum of one hundred (\$100.) dollars, to procure furniture for the use of the fire department. To be expended under the direction of the Engineer of the fire department.

also. Voted: That the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars be appropriated for the extension of the Gypsum & Portland works, the same amount to be included in the tax levy of 1908.

Voted to adjourn -

a true record attest, Abram E. Brown Town Clerk.

Concord. November 15. 1907.

Vote of Middlesex District No. 13.
for representative to the General Court, as obtained
and declared at the Town Clerk's Office Meeting
held at Concord. November 15. 1907.

	Bedford.	Concord.	Lincoln.	Weston.	Wayland.	Sudbury.	Total
Alfred L. Cutting	72.	438.	88.	231.	217.	79.	1145-
Scattering	0.	4.	0.	0.	1.	0.	5-
Blanks	43.	266.	85.	36.	166.	34.	600
	135-	708-	143-	267-	384-	113-	1750

Two certificates of election were filled out for
Alfred L. Cutting. Signed by ———

Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk of Bedford.
Walter A. Carr " " " Concord.
George L. Chapin " " " Lincoln.
George W. Cutting " " " Weston.
Daniel Brackett " " " Wayland.
Frank F. Gury " " " Sudbury.
a true record attested

Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk —

Warrant for
Town
Meeting
Dec. 28. 1907.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

Middlesex S.S.
To Edward Walsh. Constable of the
Town of Bedford. Meeting:

In the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby
directed to notify and warn the inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote
in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the
Town Hall in said Bedford, on the twentieth
day of December at Eight (8) o'clock in the
evening, then and there to act on the following
articles: VIZ:—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by putting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office as within divided Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford.

Dorcas of Town Meeting Dec. 28 - 1907.

Town Meeting Art. 2. To hear the reports of Committee and act on the same.
Dec. 28 Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred fourteen dollars and five cents (\$514.05), for the work of suppressing the Gypsy and Broomtailed marten during the year 1908, as required by Chapter 381, act of the General Court of 1905 and its amendments.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will approve of the plan of the Tree Warden to remove every other tree on Hill Side Ave.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for removing trees on Hill Side Ave. and for trimming trees on the Town Highway or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by putting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Town of Bedford. Eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

And you fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and Seven -

Irving L. Hodgdon } Select men
George M. Diamond } of Bedford.

Art. 1. Chose Charles W. Jenks, moderator. He was duly qualified.

Art. 2. No reports were offered.

Art. 3. Voted To appropriate the sum of (\$514.05) for the purpose of exterminating the Gypsy and Broomtailed

Sum of money during the year ending November 30, 1908.
 Town Meeting and that the same be raised in the tax levy of 1908.
 Dec. 28, 1907

Art. 4. Voted that the question of removing trees from
 Hillside Avenue be left to the Tree Warden, with
 full power back in his discretion.

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of (\$200) two
 hundred dollars for burning trees on the highways.
 The same to be raised in the tax levy of 1908.

Voted to adjourn
 a true record. attest, Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2, 1908
 Town of Bedford. To either of the constables of the
 Town of Bedford. Granting.

In the name of the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed
 to notify and warn the inhabitants of the
 Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in
 elections and Town affairs to meet in the
 Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday
 the second day of March next, at seven (7)
 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act
 on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of Committees and Town Officers
 and act upon the same.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the
 ensuing year. The polls to be kept open for the voting
 for said Officers the longest of time the meeting
 may decide upon.

Art. 4. To Vote on the question viz: Shall Licenses

be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes. or No.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money, or maybe necessary, to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the Roads & Bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the Taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of Taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the Taxes.

Art. 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from Dog Licenses.

Art. 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the nineteenth of April.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the fire men's Annual Dance.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will accept or reverse the list of jurors as presented by the selectmen.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three (300) hundred dollars for repair on Davis Road, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Macadam on Sprague Road to the Railroad crossing, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Fire Department the unexpended balance of 1907, or any part of the same for the purchase of fire clothes, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to record the vote of November, 1882, relating to the closing of Pine Hill road as a public way, and keeping it open as a private way, or to instruct the selectmen in the matter of reopening the Road as a public way, or do anything in regard to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will instruct the Assessor to take a valuation of the Real Estate of the Town the present year, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen to instal several needed electric lights, or to extend the street system or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and

twenty five dollar, or such part as necessary,
for the purchase of a set of weights, measures,
and balances, in accordance with the instructions
of the State Commission of Weights & Measures.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of three hundred dollar
to be used in repairing the Burlington Road
or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of three hundred
for the purpose of repairing Concrete Side
walks or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall
and one at the Post Office, eight days at least
before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return
of your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or
before the time and place of said meeting.
Given under our hands this 9th day
of February 1908.

Iwing L. Hodgdon
George M. Diamond
Howard D. Skellon
Selectmen of Bedford.

~~An true copy of the~~

Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford
I hereby certify that I have served the within
warrant by posting an attested copy of the
same, one at the Town Hall, and one at the
Post Office as within directed.

Edward Walsh Constable of Bedford
March 2, 1908.

Dom's
of the
Town Meeting
March 2. 1868

Article. Chas Charles W. Jenks, moderator; he was duly
qualified for the discharge of the duties of his office.

Art. 2. Voted. that the report of the General Town Officer
as they appear in the printed book, also the report
of the Selectmen on quail boards, be accepted and
placed on file.

Art. 3. Voted that the polls be now opened for the
choosing one Selectman for three years; one assessor
of Taxes for three years; a Town Clerk for three years;
three fence viewers; one overseer of the Poor for three
years; a Town Treasurer; one collector of Taxes;
two Auditors; one Park Commissioner for three
years; one member of the School Committee
for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library
for four years; one member of the Cemetery
Committee for three years; five Constables;
one Surveyor of Highways; one Ice Warehouse;
and that they all be voted for on one
ballot by each voter, and that the polls
be kept open until 8.35 o'clock P.M.

Also that the polls be kept open the same
length of time for women to deposit votes
for School Committee.

Dudley B. Laed was appointed as the man
to preside at the Registering Ballot-box. He
was sworn by the Town Clerk.

John L. Blake, and Louis Pfeiffer were appointed
as tellers and were sworn.

The result of the ballot

was as follows

Selectman for three years. Howard D. Skelton 8.
Fence Viewers

{ Irving L. Hodgdon S.
William G. Hartwell S.
Daniel L. B. Fitch S.

Assessor of Taxes for three years. Irving L. Hodgdon S.

Town Clerk for three years.	Abram E. Brown	S.
Commissary of Poor for three years.	William B. Hughes	S.
Town Treasurer	George Arthur Skellern	S.
Collector of Taxes	A. Elmer Blake	
Auditors	Wallace G. Webster	
	Shurman G. Rich	S.
Surveyors Highways	David L. B. Fitch	S.
Park Commissioners for three years.	Olive J. Lane	
School Committee for three years.	Elihu G. Loomis	
Trustees of Public Library for four years.	George R. Blinn	
Shawshut Cemetery Committee for three years.	Abram E. Brown	S.
Town Warden	Charles W. Jenks	S.
Constables.	Charles E. Williams	S.
	A. Elmer Blake	S.
	Edward Walsh	S.
	Edward P. Kelley	S.
	Thomas Ryan	S.

The following officers were elected by acclamation.

Pound Keeper. Supt. of Town Farm for the time being
 Field Drivers, George W. Howe
 Lucius S. Cole S.
 Patrick Rooney
 William W. Mudge

Surveyors of Lumber.
 William Thompson
 C. Willard Plastridge
 Charles W. Clark S.
 Olive J. Lane
 Daniel E. Haynes
 Lucius S. Cole S.
 Edwin A. Hartwell
 Herbert L. Clark S.
 Roger W. Brown

Art. 4. Voted to take up this article in connection with article three. The result of the ballot was Yes, 13; No, 15.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money;

\$ 5,250.	For schools.
250.	Text books and supplies.
3,000.	Road and Bridges.
200.	Side Walks.
3,200.	Incidental and remaining Snow.
1,000.	Support of Poor.
1,480.	Street Lights and Lighting.
700.	Interest, (to be taken from funds that are or may be in the Treasury.)
800.	Fire Department.
250.	Public Library.
125.	Observance of Memorial Day.
25.	Old Burying ground.
100.	Washburn Cemetery.
40.	Bonds for the Collector & Treasurer.
25.	Sealing weights & measures.

Art. 6. Voted, that the sum of \$2000, two thousand dollars of the amount appropriated for road and bridges shall be apportioned: South District, 20 percent; West District, 20 percent; North District, 20 percent, Centre District, 40 percent. The sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars of the amount for Highways shall be divided as follows. \$3,000, dollars shall be spent on the Old Road to Billwica; Brooksby, or Page Road. In the discretion of the Highway Surveyor, 200 dollars shall be spent in the East District, the Surveyor of Highways shall procure and use crushed stone in his discretion.

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art. 7. Voted. That single poll taxes are payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before the Second Wednesday of October 1908. and the remainder on or before the Second Wednesday of January 1909. a deduction of six percent. will be allowed.

If the first installment is not paid promptly the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six percent. per annum shall be collected. provided, however, that when one half of the tax is paid, on or before the Second Wednesday of October, interest shall be collected on the remaining half. after the Second Wednesday of January 1909. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two percent. upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury.

Art. 8. Voted. That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 9. Voted. That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to aid for the use of the Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the ^{Board of} Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to nine thousand (\$9000) dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five percent. per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art 10. Voted. That the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

Art. 11. Voted: That the observance of Memorial Day be in charge of the Selectmen and the Cemetery Committee.

Art 12. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic Meeting to be held under the direction of the Bedford Historical Society on or about April 19.

Art 13. Voted. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Winter's annual dance.

Art. 14. Voted To accept the following list of Jurors.

Richard A. Griffin.	clergyman
Irving L. Hodgdon	stable keeper
Charles E. Gault	farmer
Edmund D. Skellon	"
Henry A. Atwood	fish dealer
John R. Allen	farmer
A. Elmer Blake	retired
John H. Brown	farmer
Lucius P. Leidel	Salesman
John E. Hammer	farmer
Edward Walsh	farmer
Charles E. Williams	Painter
David L. B. Fitch	farmer
Charles W. Wood	farmer
Charles W. O'Dowd	Carpenter
Norbert M. English	Carpenter
Edward B. Connor	farmer
Edward Lackney	"
Edwin A. Hartwell	Carpenter
William D. Lempke	furniture dealer

Art 15. Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300.) dollars for repairs on Davis Road.

Art. 16. Voted to appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1000.) dollars from the Sinking Fund to be expended in the extension of the Macadam on Spring's Road to the Rail Road crossing.

Art. 17. Voted. To allow the fire department the money expended balance of 1907. to be expended in the purchase of fire cloths and chemicals.

Art. 18. Voted. To refer the matter of the Pine Hill Road to a committee to report at a future meeting. Said Committee appointed by the Moderator is as follows -

Elihu G. Loomis
Charles H. Clark
Olemer J. Lane

Art. 19. Voted. To indefinitely post pone the article.

Art. 20. Voted. To refer the subject of more street light to a Committee of three to investigate and report later.

The Chairman reported the following names

George Arthur Skelton
Henry D. Lyons.
A. Elmer Blake.

Art. 21. Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five (\$125.) dollars, for the purchase of a set of Weights, Measures and Balances, in accordance with the instructions of the State Commissioner of Weights & Measures.

Art. 22. Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars to be used in repairing the Burlington Road.

Art. 23. Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars for the purpose of repairing and building concrete side walks or

walks & any other material. Said work to be done under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor

a true record

attest Abram C. Brown, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 25th - 1908

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said Town, on Thursday, the twenty fifth day of June next, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz:-

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to provide the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, (\$1538.89) for the purpose of paying the interest due August 1, 1908, and February 1, 1909, on the issue of \$50.00 Town of Bedford Water Loan Bonds, authorized by vote of the Town June 8, 1907.

You are hereby further directed to serve this warrant by putting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the Town of Bedford, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

And if you fail not and make due return of your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hand this sixteenth day of June 1908. Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford.
Geo. W. Demond
Howard D. Melton

Bedford, Mass. June 25th 1908.

I have served the within warrant as directed by putting attested copies of same at the Post Office and Town Hall in the Town of Bedford (17) day of June 1908. Edward P. Kelly Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting

June 25, 1908

Records of Town Meeting June 25, 1908
 The voters met & agreed to the call of the Warrant
 and transacted business as follows:
Article 1. Chas Charles M. Jenkins, Moderator, sworn -

Article 2. Voted that fifteen hundred and thirty-eight
 dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$1538.89) be appropriated
 for the purpose of paying the interest due August 1, 1908
 and February 1, 1909. On the Town of Bedford
 Water Loan Bond, authorized by vote of the Town
 on June 8, 1907, and that this sum be raised
 by the tax levy for the present municipal year.
 Voted to adjourn.

a true record - attested

Abram E Brown Town Clerk

Warrant for

Town Meeting

July 25, 1908

Warrant for Town Meeting
 July 25, 1908

Middlesex S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the
 Town of Bedford, in said County.
 Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, You are hereby directed & notify
 and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
 qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs
 to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford
 on Saturday the twenty fifth day of July 1908,
 at Eight o'clock in the Evening then and
 there to act on the following articles:
Article 1. To choose a Moderator & preside at
 said Meeting;

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize their
 Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of
 Selectmen to borrow three thousand dollars
 in anticipation of Taxes.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by leaving up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said Town Eight days at least before the time for holding the said meeting.

You fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of July 1908.

Frederic L. Hodgdon
George M. Demond (Selectmen of
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass. July 14. 1908.

I have posted the within warrant as directed, in the aforesaid, by leaving attested copies at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office.

Edward O. Kelly
Constable of Bedford.

Doings of
Town Meeting
July 25. 1908

Doings of Town Meeting
July 25. 1908.

The votes met a quorum for the call of the warrant and transacted business as follows.
Art. 1. Chas. Moderator, Howard D. Skelton, Town.

Art. 2. Voted: - That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Bedford, in anticipation of the expenses of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to three thousand (\$3000) dollars

and execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town
therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan
is made, with interest thereon not exceeding
five percent per annum. Any debts or debts
incurred by loan or loans to the Town under
this vote, shall be paid from the taxes of the
present municipal year.

Voted Adjourn-
a true record.

Attest, Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 7, 1908

To either of the Constables of
Bedford, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to
notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town
of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Town
affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford
on Wednesday, the ninth day of September,
1908, at eight o'clock p.m. to act on the follow-
ing articles, viz --

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at
said meeting

Article 2:-- To see if the Town will vote to pro-
vide a sum not exceeding ten thousand
dollars (\$10,000), in addition to the fifty thou-
sand dollars (\$50,000) already appropriated, for
the purpose of establishing and constructing
a system for supplying water for the Town of
Bedford and its inhabitants as authorized
by Chapter one hundred and thirty one
(131) of the Acts of the General Court for the
year 1907, or act in any manner relating
thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appro-

1907 sic. appropriate the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated on June 25, 1908, for interest on Water Loan Bonds (due August 1, 1907, and February 1, 1909,) for the purpose of paying interest on any additional issue of Water Loan bonds within the municipal year ending February 1, 1909; for operating expenses of the water department, and for installing house service connections, or act in any manner thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof; one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the Town of Bedford, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereto fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this first day of September, 1908

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Geo. M. Diamond } of
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford

Middlebury I. I. I have posted the within warrant as directed by posting attested copies of same on Sept 1, 1908

Edward P. Kelley
Conclable of Bedford.

Minutes of Town Meeting Sept 4, 1908
Owing to absence of Town Clerk, Abram E. Brown, The meeting was called to order by Selectmen, Howard D. Skelton and L. W. Whittensore was chosen by ballot and use of check list as Town Clerk, pro tem. and duly sworn by Elisha G. Loomis Esq. Article 1. Charles W. Jukes was elected moderator by ballot and use of check list and duly

Sworn by Elihu G. Loomis Esq

Article 2. On motion of George M. Dimond duly seconded it was voted: That a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in establishing a system of water supply for the Town of Bedford and its inhabitants, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131 of the Acts of the General Court of the year 1907, and to that end the town treasurer, with the approval of the board of water commissioners, be and hereby is authorized to issue from time to time bonds, notes or script to an amount not exceeding said sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); such bonds, notes or script shall bear on their face the words "Town of Bedford Water Loan" and shall be payable in annual payments of the sum of \$400.00, each, beginning five years after the first issue of such bonds, notes or script and continuing until the amount so issued has been fully paid. Such bonds, notes or script shall bear interest, payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the water commissioners. The treasurer is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the water commissioners, to sell for not less than the par value thereof said bonds, notes or script at public or private sale or to pledge the same for money borrowed for the purpose herein set forth.

"Yes" and "No" ballots and the check list used. 32 yes and 4 no vote were cast the number agreeing with the count of the check list 36.

Article 3. on motion of George M. Diamond duly seconded it was voted: That the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated on June 25, 1908 for interest on Water Loan Bonds, due August 1, 1908 and February 1909, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes of paying the interest on the additional issue of Town of Bedford Water Loan Bonds not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars authorized by vote of the town this day; for operating expenses of the water department, and for installing house service connections by the water department.

The vote was unanimous, Yes.

Lewis J. Whittenmore.

Clerk Pro Tem.

Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk.

Warrant
for
Town Meeting
Oct. 8
1908

Middlebury, Vt.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford in said County. Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on the seventh day of October next at 8 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles: Art. 1. To choose a moderator & president in said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to continue the line of service pipes to the corner of the Concord and Davis Roads as shown on the plan submitted to the Town June 8, 1907 and filed during the meeting with the Town Clerk, said continuation being covered by the resolution adopted at the said meeting or anything in relation thereto.

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct. 7, 1908 Continued

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars or such part of the same as may be needed to enclose and build the Billerica Road from the house of Mr. Fisher to the junction of the Carlisle Road and Billerica Road in connection with the gift of stone and money by Mr. Dudley L. Pickman and Mrs. Sarah W. Hayden or do anything in relation to the same.

4. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to lay the water pipes on Sprague's Road according to plan adopted by a unanimous vote of the town on June 8, 1907 or do anything in regard to the same.

And for all directed to serve this warrant by putting up attested copies hereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting; to keep full note and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of September 1908

Irving L. Hodgden } Selectman
 George M. Diamond }
 Howard D. Skellin } Bedford

I have served the above warrant as directed by putting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office on Sept-28, 1908

Edward O. Kelly
 Constable of Bedford.

Somerset
Town Meeting
Oct. 7, 1908

Somerset Town Meeting October 7, 1908.

Art. 1. That Moderator Charles H. Jenks. Sworn.

Art. 2. Voted. That the Town instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to continue the line of service pipe to the corner of the Concord and Davis roads as shown on the plan submitted to the Town June 8, 1907 (and filed with the Town Clerk, said continuation being covered by the resolution adopted at the said meeting.

Art. 3. Voted. That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars to be used in connection with the gift of stone and money by Mr. Dudley L. Dickman and Mrs. Sarah H. Hayden for the purpose of macadamizing the North Road from Carlisle corner to a point near the house of Mr. Fisher, and Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum for three years with the approval of the Selectmen. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor. The rate of interest on said loan not to exceed four percent.

Art. 4. Voted. That the Town instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to continue the line of service pipe on Sprague Road as shown on the plan submitted to the Town June 8th 1907. and filed with the Town Clerk, said continuation being covered by the resolution adopted at the said meeting.

A true record, attested

Abram E. Brown

Town Clerk

1908

Copy of

Warrant for Election and Town Business

November 3, 1908.

Middlebury S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford, in said County.

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections
and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall
in said Bedford on Tuesday the third day of
November next, at 6 o'clock P.M. at which time
the polls will be then (and they must be kept
open at least four hours) to bring in their votes to
the Selectmen for the election of Electors of
President and Vice President of the United States,
a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth,
a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney
General, a Congressman, a Councillor, a Representative
to the General Court, a County Commissioner, and
Associate Commissioner; and one County Commissioner
and Associate Commissioner to fill a vacancy for the term
ending January 1911, and a Register of Probate and
Fiduciary.

Also to act on the following article relating to
Town Affairs VIZ:-

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of any Committee and act on the same.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee
to erect the out building behind the Senior School House,
or do any thing in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will accept of a deed
of a parcel of land the called the Page Field in
memory of Nathaniel Page, or do any thing
in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$520.15 for the Gypsy and Brown Tail moth work as required by the State.

The time for acting on the matters in the warrant relating to Town affairs is fixed at 2 o'clock p.m.

And You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office Eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. And if fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at or before the time and place of the meeting.

GIVEN under our hands at Bedford, this twentyfirst day of October A.D. 1908.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Select men
Geo. M. Diamond }
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford

Middlebury St.

Bedford, October 22, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant as directed, by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office. Eight days before the time of said meeting.

Charles E. Williams

Constable of Bedford.

a true copy of the Warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Attest Abram E. Brown,

Town Clerk.

Bedford, November 2, 1908.

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Meeting was called to order at time specified in the warrant, (6 o'clock A.M.) by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Edward Walsh and John L. Blake, who had been appointed ballot clerk were sworn by Abram E. Brown Esq. The town clerk delivered to them a sealed package said to contain one hundred ballots, also delivered to them a copy of the voting list signed by the Select men. Two other packages of ballots were subsequently delivered to tellers.

The ballot box was shown to be empty and the Bay Sheriff delivered to the Constable in attendance. Dudley S. Lodd was appointed to the duty of presiding at the Ballot Box, and made a solemn oath by Abram E. Brown Esq. The balloting then commenced.

At 8 o'clock p.m. A. Elmer Blake and Levi Williams were appointed and qualified as assistant tellers. By unanimous consent of the election officers present, the registering box was opened at 3 o'clock p.m. and the work of assisting and counting ballots was begun.

Subsequently ballots were taken from the box, and at 4-30 p.m. the ballot was closed. a ~~provisional~~ vote to that effect having been taken.

At the close of the poll it was found that two hundred and two ballots had been cast. The teller checked list and that kept by the Town Clerk agreed in the number (212.)

After the teller had completed this work, the following result of the balloting was announced by the chairman of the Select men.

For President and Vice President
Bryan & Kern. D. 45.
Chadwick & Watkins P. O.
Debs & Hanford S. O.
Gillham & Munro S. L. O.

Wagon & Gravel 2 L. 6.
Soft Wherman Rep. 152.

For Governor of the Commonwealth.

James F. Carey 0.
Eben S. Draper 138.
Walter J. Hoar 2.
William M. Osgood 7.
James H. Pahey 43.
Willard C. Wyllie 1.
Blank 21.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Charles J. Barton 33.
Joad Claudino 0.
Louis B. Frothingham 138.
John Hall Jr. 2.
Robert J. McCarty 6.
Frank M. Rand 1.

For Secretary ^{Blank 32.}

James F. Aylward 35.
Herbert B. Griffen 2.
George Nelson 0.
William M. Olvi 138.
Squire E. Putney 0.
John F. Williams 6.
Blank 31.

For Treasurer

Charles E. Butterworth 7.
Arthur B. Chapin 139.
Henry C. Hess 0.
Charles C. Hitchcock 0.
Edward Kendall 1.
Erwin W. Kennedy 34.
Blank 31.

For Auditor

Frank Bohmbach 1. Wilbur D. Moore 3.
John E. Canspary 5. Henry E. Turner 135.
George G. Hall 0. Simon Viger 30.
Blank 38.

For Attorney General

Henry M. Deane 2.

Elliot C. Harding 0.

Dana Malone 134.

John W. Carty 1.

Richard J. Gilbert 6.

John Alden Thayer 36

Blank 34.

For Member of Congress from Fourth District

John J. Mitchell 34.; Charles L. Sirell 124.

Blank 34.

For Councillor from Sixth District.

Harry W. Hall 3.; Seward W. Jones 134.

William J. W. Cluskey 33

Blank 40.

For Senator from Seventh Middlesex District

William H. Brown 7.; Isaac E. Graves 34.,

James Wilson Grimes 135.

Blank 36.

For Representative in the General Court. (Seventh Middlesex Dist.)

Alfred L. Cutting 106.; Roger Sherman Hoar 77.

Blank 29.

For County Commissioners. Middlesex

Edward Gallagher 30.; Levi S. Gould 133.,

Charles F. Walcott 9.

Blank 40.

For County Commissioners (to fill vacancy)

George R. Durm 38.; Andrew W. Jones 8.;

Charles H. Richardson 131.

Blank 35.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency (Middlesex)

John F. Holland 33.; William E. Rogers 133.

Roswell C. Ross, 6.

Blank 40

For Associate Commissioners (to fill vacancy)

James F. W. Carty Jr. 34.

Alfred W. Parnell 7.

Frank A. Patch 133.

Blank 38.

November 3 Meeting organized for Town business by choice
 Town Business ^{Art of} Charles W. Jenks. Moderator. Sworn
 Art 2. Report of Committee on Pine Hill Road
 made in writing, at length, by Elihu G. Loomis
 Voted. To accept the report and order that
 it be printed in the Annual Town book of
 Feb. 1909.

Art 3. Voted. To authorize the School Committee
 to have the building in rear of Union School
 House

Art 4. A deed of gift of land by Elihu G. Loomis
 was read with explanation and it was
 Voted, That the Town hereby accept with thanks
 the provisions of the deed of Elihu G. Loomis
 dated October 22, 1908, which has been read at the meeting.

Art 5.

Voted. That the Town raise and appropriate
 the sum of \$520.15 for the year 1909 for the
 Stryker and Brown tax as required by the
 State. said sum to be included in the tax
 levy for the year 1909.

The meeting for town business adjourned
 at 2:45 o'clock.

A true record. Attest Abram E. Brown, Town Clerk,
 Bedford. November 3, 1908.

Town Clerk's Meeting

Vote for the Middlesex District No. 13 for Representative to the
 General Court as a Maine and declared at the Town Clerk's
 Meeting for said District, held at Concord, November 13, 1908
 at 12 o'clock noon.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Southbury	Wayland	Worcester	Total
Alfred L. Cutting, of Weston	106	444	81	135	233	290	1289
Roger Sherman How of Concord	77	415	78	51	191	46	858
Blanks	29	66	28	20	33	19	215
	212	925	187	266	472	355	2362

Two certificates of election were made out for Alfred L. Cutting
 of Weston and signed by.

Abram E. Brown. Town Clerk of Bedford.

Walter A. Carr Concord

George L. Chapin Town Clerk of Lincoln.
 Frank F. Gony " " Sudbury.
 Daniel Brackett " " Wayland.
 George W. Cutting " " Weston.
 One of the certificates was forthwith mailed to the
 Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the other given to
 George W. Cutting for delivery to the Representative elect.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 1, 1909.

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
 Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Town, on Monday, the first day of March next, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles of Town Affairs:

Art 1.- To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art 2.- To hear reports of Committees and Town Officers and act upon the same.

Art 3.- To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide upon.

Art 4.- To vote upon the questions of license to sell intoxicating liquors, Yes or No.

Art 5.- Shall and act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eight entitled an act to provide for the protection of the Forest or sprout lands from fire, be accepted by this Town, Yes or No.

Art 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and make appro-

priation for the same.

Art. 7.- To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8.- To designate the time and manner of Collecting the Taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 9.- To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes, to use all means for the collection of Taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Art. 10.- To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1909, in anticipation of Taxes the Collection of Taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the sum of nine thousand dollars for said year giving the notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the dates thereof, all debts incurred under authority of this vote, shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 11.- To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.

Art. 12.- To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.

Art. 13.- To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Historical society, for a meeting on or about the 19th day of April.

Art. 14.- To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Shawsheen Engine Co., and to the Combination Chemical and Hose Co., for their annual dance on April 12, 1909.

Art. 15.- To see if the Town will accept or revise the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

Art. 16.-To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the Town water system along the North road, as far as the house of John G. Gammon, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 17.-To see if the Town will vote to macadamize Hillside avenue, raise and appropriate money for the purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18.-To see if the town will vote to repair the sidewalk on the north side of Hillside avenue, raise and appropriate for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19.-To see if the Town will vote to install a new heating and ventilating plant in the Union School, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20.-To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time such sums of money as may be necessary to carry on the work of exterminating the gipsy and brown tailed moths and to renew or refund the notes or bonds so given as may be deemed advisable without securing further authority from the Town for such renewals or refundings.

Art. 21.-To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the use of the Tree Warden, the unexpended balance of 1908, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 22.-To see if the Town will vote to remove the watering trough in the center of the town, to the opposite side of the street, connect the same with the Town Water, fit the same for the use of man, beast, and automobiles, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to renew the contract with the Lexington Gas and Electric Co., for street lighting for a period of three or five years, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$850.00, for the purpose of purchasing a new hose for the Fire Department, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of installing water in the Town Hall Building, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days, at least, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this 16th day of February, 1909.

Irving L. Hodgdon

Geo. W. Dimond

Howard D. Shelton

Selectmen of Bedford.

I hereby certify that I have served within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall as within directed.

Edward Walsh, Constable of Bedford
March 1st, 1909.

A true copy of the Warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Attest Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk pro tem.

Doings of Town Meeting, March 12th, 1909.

Meeting was called to order by J. L. Hodgdon, Chairman of Selectmen. Abbott R. Wabber was elected Town Clerk pro tempore for the day and was duly sworn. After the reading of the warrant, Chas. W. Jenks was elected moderator and was duly sworn. Reports of Town Officers as printed in the Town Report and the Report of Selectmen on Guide Posts and Guide Boards were presented by Mr. Hodgdon. Voted to accept these reports.

Voted that the polls be now opened for the choice of one Selectman for 3 years, three Fence Viewers, one Assessor of Taxes for 3 years, one Water Commissioner for 3 years, one Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Surveyor of Highways, one Park Commissioner for 3 years, one member of School Committee for 3 years, one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for 4 years, one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for 3 years, one Tree Warden, and five Constables, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter and that the polls be kept open until 5 o'clock P.M. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Dudley R. Ladd and John L. Blake were appointed as tellers and duly sworn.

Result of ballot was as follows.

Selectman for 3 years.

Irving L. Hodgdon

Fence Viewers

{ Irving L. Hodgdon
William G. Hartwell
David L. B. Fitch

Assessor of Taxes for 3 years.

William G. Hartwell.

Water Commissioner for 3 years.

Charles A. Burke

Overseer of Poor for 3 years.

William G. Hartwell.

Town Treasurer

George Arthur Skelton.

Collector of Taxes.

A. Elmer Blake

Auditors

{Wallace G. Webber.
Sherman G. Rich.

Surveyor of Highways.

David L. B. Fitch.

Park Commissioner for 3 years.

James Sallaway.

School Committee for 3 years.

Ernest H. Hoerner.

Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library.

Charles W. Jenks for 4 years.

Shawsheen Cemetery Committee.

George H. Blinn for 3 years.

Tree Warden

Charles W. Jenks

Constables

{Charles E. Williams
A. Elmer Blake
Edward Walsh.
Edward P. Kelley.
Thomas Ryan

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Wm. Thompson.

Daniel E. Haynes

Quincy S. Cole

Oliver J. Lane.

Herbert L. Clark

Roger W. Brown

C. Willard Plastringe.

Charles H. Clark

Field Drivers

Patrick Pooney.

William H. Mudge.

D. S. Cole.

Pound Keeper.

The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.
Art. 4. Taken up in connection with election of officers
Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating
liquors in the Town of Bedford.

Yes, 6; No, 59; Thrown out, 1.

Art. 5. Taken up in connection with Arts. 3 and 4.

Yes, 78; No, 0.

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the following
sums of money to defray Town charges for ensuing year.
For Schools - \$5725.

and \$636.07, the unexpended balance of 1908.

" School Supplies \$275.

" Roads and Bridges \$3000.

and \$49.17, the unexpended balance on North Road.

" Incidentals and moving snow \$3200.

" Support of Poor \$1000

Memorial Day	\$125.
and unexpended balance	\$25.
Old burying ground	\$800.
Fire Department	\$1520.
Street lights	\$250.
Sidewalks	\$250.
Public Library	\$100.
Cemetery	

and income from lots sold and \$16.97 unexpended balance.
 Interest: Voted to appropriate \$700 from sinking fund.

Bonds	\$40.
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$25.
Interest on Water Bonds	\$2400.
Installing water in Town Hall	\$50.
Macadamize Hillside Ave.	\$1000.

Tree Warden: Voted to appropriate the unexpended balance of 1908 (\$93.41)

Art. 7: Voted that the sum of \$2000 of the amount appropriated for Roads and Bridges shall be applied:— South District 20%, West District 20%, North District 20%, Center District 40%. The sum of \$1000 of the amount for highways shall be divided as follows, viz. \$800 shall be spent on the Old Road to Billerica, Brooksby or Page Roads in the discretion of the Highway Surveyor; \$200 shall be spent in the East District and \$417.19, the unexpended balance of 1908 on North Ave.

Art. 8. Voted that single poll taxes are payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1909, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in January, 1910, a deduction of 6% will be allowed. If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall be collected, provided, however, that when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, interest shall be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday

in January, 1910. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be 2% upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 9: Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 11: Voted that the amount received from Dog Tax be appropriated for the Library.

Art. 12: Voted that the matter of proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 13: Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Historical Society for a meeting on or about the 19th of April.

Art. 14: Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Shawsheen Engine Co. for their annual dance and also to the Combination Chemical and Hose Co. for their annual dance on April 12.

Art. 15: Laid on the table.

Art. 16: Voted to indefinitely postpone question of extending town water system as far as the house of John G. Gammon on the North Road.

Art. 17: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to macadamize and drain Hillside Ave.

Art. 18: Voted that in consideration of the agreement of George S. Skene and Wallace G. Webber to contribute \$50 each toward such repairs, the town directs the expenditure of \$100 of the money appropriated for sidewalks to be spent on the Northern side of Hillside Ave.

Art. 19: Voted that the matter of installing a new heating and ventilating plant in the Union School be referred to the School Committee to report at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 20. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 20: Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary to carry on the work of exterminating the gipsy and brown tail moths, and to renew and refund the notes or bonds so given as may be deemed advisable, but so that the total periods of renewal or refunding shall not exceed the whole time for which they could have been legally issued originally and that the Treasurer may renew or refund the same without further authority voted by the Town so long as the Board of Selectmen approve and sign the same. The interest rate and other details to be settled by the Treasurer and Selectmen without further instructions from the Town. Such money as may be paid by the State to the Town for gipsy and brown tail moth work shall be used to pay said notes or bonds. All debts incurred under this vote shall be paid during the present financial year provided that the amount borrowed under this article shall not at any time exceed five (\$5000) thousand dollars.

Art. 21: Voted that the Town appropriate for the use of the Tree Warden the unexpended balance of 1908 (\$93.41).

Art. 22: Voted that the matter of moving watering trough and fitting same with town water be referred to Selectmen to report at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 23: Voted that the Selectmen be requested to confer with the Lexington Gas and Electric Co. with regard to the question of renewal of contract for street lighting and also of Tungsten Lamps and report at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$850. for the purchase of fire hose and supplies,

this amount to be taken from the Sinking Fund, and spent under the direction of the Selectmen and Board of Engineers.

Art. 25: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50. for the purpose of installing water in the Town Hall.

Art. 10: Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1909, in anticipation of the Collection of Taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the sum of nine thousand dollars for said year giving the notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the dates thereof, all debts incurred under authority of this vote, shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted to accept the following tribute on the death of Abram English Brown presented by Rev. Geo. F. Piper.

"The legal voters of Bedford assembled in the annual town meeting of the year 1909 desire to express their deep sense of loss in the recent death of Abram English Brown, a native and life-long resident of the town, and for many years one of its most prominent and public spirited citizens. For periods varying from two to eight years in length he served the town faithfully and efficiently as Representative in the General Court, Collector of Taxes, and Town Clerk. From 1871 to 1887 he was a member of the School Committee, and in that capacity rendered services the good effects of which are still felt. He was an active and energetic member of the Village Improvement Society, which, in its day, did much to make the Center of the Town safer and more attractive. He was one of the original members of the Bedford Social Library, and when in 1876

it was merged in the Bedford Free Public Library, was elected a trustee of that institution, - an office in which he was deeply interested and highly useful to the end of life. He was secretary of the Bedford Historical Society from its formation until the time of his death, and untiring and enthusiastic in serving that organization. He gave a vast amount of pains-taking labor to the preparation of the History of Bedford and the genealogy of ~~the~~ its families. He was unremitting in his efforts to have an old colonial flag retained here and secured against fire and theft. Memorial Day and Patriots Day had long been under his special charge, and under it never failed to be fittingly observed. As Superintendent and one of the Committee of the Shawsheen Cemetery he did a work of inestimable value, - by his good taste, watchful care, and constant effort making it one of the most beautiful and appropriate burial places to be found in a country town.

For some of these services Mr. Brown received a moderate pecuniary reward, but the greater part of them were performed because he longed to do what he could to make the town he dearly loved more attractive to the eye, and its inhabitants more intelligent, patriotic, refined, and upright."

Voted that this tribute be printed in the Town Report and that a copy of it be sent to the family of the deceased.

Voted to accept the following resolution presented by Geo. W. Dimond. -

Resolved, That it is the sense of the meeting that the town by this vote acknowledges the gift of to the Town, through the Board of

Water Commissioners, of 12,500 square feet of land for a site for the standpipe of the Bedford Water Works from Mr. and Mrs. James R. Poor and hereby expresses its appreciation of the generous act and the public spirit and interest shown by them in a town enterprise.

Voted to adjourn

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk pro tem.

Warrant for Town Meeting. March 27th, 1909.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by Law to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday the 27th day of March 1909 at 11.30 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles.

Art. 1- To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2- To hear the reports of Committees and act on the same.

Art. 3- To elect a Town Clerk to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Abram C. Brown to expire in 1911.

Art. 4- To elect one Trustee of the Bedford Free Public Library to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Abram C. Brown to expire in 1911.

Art. 5- To elect one member of the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Abram C. Brown to expire in 1911.

Art. 6- To see if the Town will accept a deed from Mrs. Lucy R. Hartwell of a Parcel of Land with the Buildings thereon situated on

Elm Street, Bedford for the purpose and subject to the reservations in said deed set forth or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 7- To see if the Town will vote to install Town Water in the Fire Engine House, raise and appropriate money for the purpose, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 8. - To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to run the School Team in the east part of the Town to the house of Augustus Rosenthal or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Town of Bedford eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 15th day of March

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
Geo. M. Dinsford	
Howard D. Skelton	

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same on March 16th 1909, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the Warrant and the return of the Constable thereon
Attest Abbott P. Weber, Town Clerk.

Doings of Town Meeting, March 27th, 1909.

Meeting called to order by Irving L. Hodgdon, Chairman of Selectmen. Abbott P. Webber was elected to serve as Town Clerk pro tem for the day and was duly sworn. Chas. W. Jenks was elected to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn. Voted to postpone Articles 2-6-7 and 8 until eight o'clock P.M. Voted that we now take up Articles 3-4 and 5 and proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee, and one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library Corporation, all to fill vacancies in office caused by death of Abram S. Brown for term ending 1911, the polls to be kept open until 5.45 P.M.

Result of the ballot was as follows

Town Clerk Abbott P. Webber.

Member of Cemetery Committee, George A. Goodwin.

Trustee of Library Corporation, William N. Cragin.

Adjourned meeting assembled at 8 P.M.

Art. 2:— Voted that the Committee on Heating Apparatus for the School House be granted further time.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to execute a contract in behalf of the Town with the Lexington Gas and Electric Co. for ten years.

Voted that matter of moving watering trough be referred back to the Selectmen with the request that they make a further report.

Art. 6:— Voted that the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford do hereby accept the deed of Mrs. Lucy P. Hartwell dated March 27th, 1909 and express their deep sense of appreciation of the generous and thoughtful kindness of the giver.

Art. 7:— Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20. to install Town Water in the Fire Engine House.

Art. 8:— Voted that the School Committee be instructed to run the school team in the East part of the Town to the house of Augustus Rosenthal.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record attest

Abbott H. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant
for Town
Meeting.

Sept. 21st, 1909.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Sept. 21st, 1909.
Middlesex S.S.

To Edward P. Kelley, Constable of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified ~~by law~~ to vote at elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the twenty-first day of September, 1909, at eight o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To hear the reports of committees and act on the same.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to remove the stone watering trough now in the center of the town near the Bedford House to some other location, connect the Town Water with the trough, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said Town of Bedford eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings

thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of holding said meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this eleventh day of September, 1909.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Howard D. Skelton } of
Bedford.

Middlesex SS

Bedford, Mass.

I have served the within warrant as directed, by posting attested copies of same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 11, 1909.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy, attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings
at Town
Meeting
Sept. 27th, 1909.

Doings at Town Meeting, Sept. 21st, 1909.

Meeting called to order and warrant read by Town Clerk.

Article 1: Chas. W. Jenks was elected moderator and duly sworn.

Article 2: Report of Selectmen on Watering Trough read and accepted

Article 3: Voted that a committee of three be appointed to wait at once upon Mrs. C. L. Bacon and ascertain if she have any objections to having the watering trough placed in front of her house. Chair appointed Dr. J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Geo. H. Sweetnam and E. G. Loomis as committee to wait upon Mrs. Bacon. Committee reported that they had been unable to find Mrs. Bacon.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to connect the watering trough in its present

location with Town Water and the sum of One Hundred (\$100.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose from the tax levy of 1910: that the committee be instructed to repair the approach to the trough and to supply a dipper for drinking purposes at the trough: that the committee be instructed to so arrange it that water can be taken independently for automobiles: that the arrangement for automobiles be at least fifty feet from the trough, and that a sign be put up, "Automobiles water here". Voted that this matter be left with the Selectmen and that it be done within sixty days.

Resolved that the chair appoint a committee of three, consisting of Dr. J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Geo. H. Sweetnam and C. G. Loomis to investigate the matter of the watering trough near the Lexington-Bedford line and report at the next town meeting.

Voted that this meeting now dissolve

A true record, attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting and State Election, Tuesday
 November 2nd, 1909.
 Middlesex S.S.

Warrant for
 Town Meeting
 and State
 Election.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford,
 in said county. Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, you are directed to notify
 and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
 Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections
 and in town affairs to meet in the Town
 Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the second
 day of November next at 6 o'clock A. M.
 at which time the polls will be opened
 (and they must be kept open at least four hours
 to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for
 the selection of a Governor and Lieutenant
 Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary,
 a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney General,
 a Councillor, a Senator, a Representative to
 the General Court, a County Treasurer and a
 County Commissioner.

Also to act on the following articles
 relating to town affairs, viz:—

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at the
 said meeting.

Article 2: To hear the reports of any committees
 and act on the same.

Article 3: By request of the School Committee
 to see if the Town will appropriate a
 sum not exceeding two thousand
 five hundred dollars to provide
 and install a new heating and
 ventilating plant in the Union
 School Building directed by the
 state inspector of factories and
 public buildings or do anything
 in relation to the same.

Article 4: To see what method the Town will

adopt to procure such sum or sums of money as may be appropriated under the preceding article.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the deed from Mrs. Lucy P. Hartwell of a certain tract of land abutting on the Back Common or Stable Lands subject to the conditions therein contained or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to remove the engine house from its present site to the tract of land conveyed to the Town by Mrs. Lucy P. Hartwell by deed referred to in the preceding article and will appropriate sufficient money for that purpose or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety cents for the gipsy and brown tailed north work as required by state law.

Article 8: To see what action the Town will take in regard to a claim presented to the Selectmen by Messrs Morse, Kenney, and Bell, Lawyers, of Boston, Mass.

The time for acting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copys of the same, one in the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford

this 22nd day of October, A.D. 1909.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Geo. W. Dimond } of
 Howard D. Skelton } Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford, Mass. Oct. 23, 1909.

I have served the within warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Oct. 23, 1909.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford.

A true record, attest,

Abbott H. Webber, Town Clerk.

Election

1909

Nov. 2nd

Doings at Town Meeting Nov. 2nd, 1909.

Meeting was called to order at time specified in the warrant (6 o'clock A.M.) by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Edward Walsh, A. Elmer Blake and Dudley P. Ladd, having been appointed to act as Ballot Clerks, were duly sworn, and the ballot box was opened and shown to be empty. The keys were then delivered to the Constable in attendance. The Town Clerk delivered a sealed package to the presiding election officer (Irving L. Hodgdon) who opened the same and showed it to contain four hundred ballots which were delivered to the Ballot Clerks. The polls were then declared to be open and balloting commenced. At 4 P.M. the first block of ballots was taken from the ballot box, and Chas. C. Williams having been appointed to assist the Ballot Clerks and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. By vote

of the meeting the polls were declared closed at 4.35. The register on the ballot-box showed that one hundred and fifty-eight ballots had been cast, and the check-lists used by the Town Clerk and Ballot-Clerks showing the same number, the tally was declared perfect. Result of the balloting was as follows.

<u>For Governor</u>	Blanks	4
Eben S. Draper (Rep.)		111
John A. Nicholls (Prohib.)		2
Moritz E. Ruther (Socialist Labor)		0
James H. Vahey (Dem.)		41
Daniel A. White (Socialist)		<u>0</u>
<u>For Lieutenant Governor.</u>	Blanks	4
Eugene N. Fass (Dem.)		43
Louis A. Frothingham (Rep.)		109
George G. Hall (Socialist)		0
Ernest R. Knipe (Prohib.)		1
Lawrence Yates (Socialist Labor)		<u>-1</u>
<u>For Secretary</u>	Blanks	19
David T. Clark (Dem.)		27
Harriet D'Oreay (Socialist)		0
Henry C. Hess (Socialist Labor)		0
William G. Merrill (Prohib.)		1
William M. Olin (Rep.)		<u>111</u>
<u>For Treasurer</u>	Blanks	15
James H. Bryan (Dem.)		25
James B. Carr (Socialist)		0
David Craig (Socialist Labor)		0
Daniel Parlin (Prohib.)		1
Elmer A. Stevens (Rep.)		<u>117</u>
<u>For Auditor</u>	Blanks	20
Alexis Boyer, Jr. (Dem.)		23
Charles A. Chace (Prohib.)		2
Sylvester J. Mc Bride (Soc.)		0
Jeremiah P. McNally (Soc. Lab.)		0
Henry C. Turner (Rep.)		113

For <u>Attorney General</u> .	Blanks.	19
Henry M. Dean (Prohib.)		3
John A. Fredrikson (Soc. Lab.)		0
Dana Malone (Rep.)		111
Harvey N. Shepard (Dem.)		25
John Weaver Sherman (Soc.)		0
For <u>Councillor</u> , 6 th District	Blanks	20
Henry G. Burke (Soc.)		1
Charles H. Callahan (Dem.)		26
Herbert C. Fletcher (Rep.)		111
For <u>Senator</u> , 7 th Middlesex Dist.	Blanks	14
Frank P. Bennett (Rep.)		107
James Kingsley (Dem.)		35
William C. Trefry (Soc.)		2
For <u>Representative</u> , 13 th Middlesex Dist.	Blanks	15
Winthrop H. Fairbank (Dem.)		61
Charles W. Prescott (Rep.)		82
For <u>County Commissioner</u> , Middlesex.	Blanks	18
Patrick Conlon (Dem.)		26
Robert J. Kelly (Soc.)		0
Samuel O. Upham (Rep.)		114
For <u>County Treasurer</u> , Middlesex.	Blanks	22
Joseph O. Hayden (Rep.)		108
Anson B. Hobbs (Soc.)		1
Dexter C. Whittemore (Dem.)		27

Town

Town Business

Business Art. 1: Charles W. Jenks was elected to act as
 Nov. 2, 1909. moderator and duly sworn.

Art. 2: Report of Selectmen on Pine Hill Road was
 read and accepted. Voted to postpone
 the reading of the Report on Heating and
 Ventilating the Union School House. Same
 to be read under Article 3.

Report of Committee on Watering-trough
 near Lexington Park read and accepted.
 The Committee recommended that the
 trough be moved from its present

location to a point between the Shawsheen and Elm Brook Bridges.

Article 3. Report of Committee on Heating and Ventilating at Union School House read and accepted.

Voted that the Town do install a heating and ventilating plant at the Union School House at an expense not exceeding (\$2500) twenty-five hundred dollars; that the Committee in charge be the School Committee with power to employ a consulting engineer.

Article 4. Voted (by vote of 24-0) that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) at a rate not exceeding 5% payable as follows.

\$1000 payable in one year

\$1500 payable in two years.

This debt to be called the School House Heating and Ventilating Debt.

Article 5. Voted that the Town hereby accepts the deed of Lucy P. Hartwell dated Oct. 21, 1909, and that it expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Hartwell for her generous gift.

Article 6. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200) dollars to move the engine house to the land deeded the Town by Mrs. Lucy P. Hartwell, and that this money be raised in the tax levy of 1910.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of five hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety cents (\$522.90) be raised and appropriated from the tax levy of 1910

Article 8. Voted to lay this article on the table

Voted to adjourn.

Town Clerk's
Meeting.

Town Clerk's Meeting
Vote for the Middlesex District No. 13 for Representative to the General Court as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerk's Meeting for said District, held at Concord, November 12, 1909, at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Weston	Total.
Winthrop H. Fairbank, Sudbury.	61	453	97	95	237	114	1057
Charles W. Prescott, Concord.	82	365	49	91	181	155	923
Blanks	15	34	18	5	16	16	104
Total	158	852	164	191	434	285	2084

Two certificates of election were made out for Winthrop H. Fairbank of Sudbury and signed by

Abbott R. Webber,	Town Clerk of Bedford
Walter A. Carr,	" " " Concord
George L. Chapin,	" " " Lincoln
Frank F. Gerry	" " " Sudbury
Daniel Brackett	" " " Wayland
George W. Cutting	" " " Weston

One of these certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was forwarded to the Representative elect.

Attest: Abbott R. Webber,
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex SS. Sudbury, Nov. 17, 1909.

I have this day delivered in hand to Winthrop H. Fairbank of Sudbury the Certificate of his election as Representative in the General Court, as directed to

do by the Clerk of the town of Concord, and have made due return thereof to the Clerks of each of the towns comprising the Thirteenth Middlesex Representative District

Attest: Francis E. Bent.

Constable of Sudbury.

Warrant
for Town
Meeting on
Dec. 14, '09.

Warrant for Town Meeting on Tuesday December 14, 1909.
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of Bedford in said county.
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the fourteenth day of December next at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To hear the reports of any committees and act on the same.

Article 3: To see what action the Town will take in regard to defending or settling a Suit at Law brought by Morse Kenny and Bell, a firm of lawyers, against the Town of Bedford, appoint a committee for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars for the purpose of making needed repairs and improvements at the Fire Engine House or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding

One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) in addition to the sum already authorized to provide a new heating and ventilating plant for the Union School Building of do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of December, 1909.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Howard L. Skelton } of
Bedford.

Bedford, Mass.

Dec. 14th, 1909.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford on Saturday the fourth day of December, A.D. 1909.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest:

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting
Dec. 14th, 1909.

Town Meeting, December 14th, 1909.

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by Town Clerk who read the warrant

Article 1: Charles W. Jenks was elected to serve as moderator and duly sworn.

Article 2: J. L. Hodgdon reported for Selectmen that the matter of the law suit brought in connection with certain land taken by Water Commissioners had been left to the Water Commissioners

Article 3: Voted that this matter be referred to Mr. George R. Blinn with full power to settle or defend the suit.

Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding One Thousand dollars to make needed repairs in and about the fire engine house: same to be raised in the tax levy of 1910 and expended under supervision of the Building Committee

Article 5: Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding Five Hundred dollars for the purposes designated in the warrant under Article 5, same to be included in the next tax levy.

After the reading of the minutes, which were duly approved, it was voted that the meeting dissolve.

A true record. Attest.

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Warrant for Town Meeting, Monday, March 7, 1910
 Town Meeting. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
 Monday
 March 7, 1910

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday, the seventh day of March next at 6.30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear reports of committees and Town officers, and act upon the same.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide upon.
- Art. 4. To vote on the question, viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford, Yes or No.
- Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes, for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.
- Art. 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Combination Hose Co. for their annual ball on Monday night, March 28, 1910.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time such sums of money as may be necessary to carry on the work of exterminating the gypsy and brown-tailed moths, and to renew or refund the notes or bonds so given as may be deemed advisable without securing further authority from the Town for such renewals or refunding.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will take any action in determining its rights in the Pine Hill Road, so called, and to that end will authorize the bringing or defending of any legal proceedings or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the rate of rental of the Town Hall so that all organizations who use the hall once a month or oftener shall have reduced rates or do anything in relation to the same.

- Art. 17. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000), for hydrant service with the understanding with the Water Commissioners and Town Treasurer that the sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford water bonds due August 1st, 1910, and February 1st, 1911, or do anything relating thereto.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the pipe line of the town water system from South Street through Crescent Street to Hartford Street and appropriate for the purpose nine hundred dollars (\$900.), said sum to be raised by the tax levy of 1910, or do anything relating thereto.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.), to be expended by the Highway Surveyor in the purchase of a watering cart, or do anything relating thereto.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.), to be expended in extending the macadam roadway on Fletcher road or do anything relating thereto.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to sell the windmill on the School-house land and appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the Water Department for the purchase of service connection materials.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.), to be used in grading and repairing the hill at Staples Mill or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water system on the Concord Road as far as the residences of John J. Kelley and John

Kirkegard, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lighting system on the road to Concord as far as the Concord line, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) to be used in improving the base ball diamond on the Town playground, Page Field, this sum to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Selectmen, or take any action regarding the same.

Art. 26 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.), or such part of the same as may be necessary to install sanitary toilet rooms in the Town Hall or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will install an additional electric light at the corner of Hartford and Loomis Streets or take any action in relation to the same.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to trust funds for care of lots, as requested by the Cemetery Committee in their annual report.

Art. 29 To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the sandpit in the South part of the Town or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purchase of forest fire fighting equipment for use by the Forest Warden.

Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten dollars (\$10.), to purchase fertilizer to be used on Wilson Park.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote the free use of the Town Hall day and evening, to the Bedford Grange to hold a farmers' institute.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-third day of February, 1910.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Geo. M. Dimond }
Howard D. Skelton } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., Feb. 24, 1910.

I have served the above warrant as directed, by posting attested copies of same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on the above date.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy: Attest, - Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Monday, March 7th, 1910.
Meeting was called to order at 6.30 A.M.
Charles W. Finks was chosen to serve as Moderator and duly sworn. Dudley P. Ladd was appointed ballot clerk and duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and found to be empty.

Voted to take up Articles 3 and 4 at this time and that the polls be now opened for the choice of one Selectman for three years, three Fence Viewers, one Assessor of Taxes for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Surveyor of Highways, one Post Commissioner for three years, one

member of School Committee for three years, one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for four years, one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for three years, one Tree Warden and five Constables, and that they all be voted for one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for voting on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford?

Art. 3 Voted to take up other Town Business at 9 o'clock.
Result of ballot was as follows:—

Selectman for 3 years	Immanuel Pfeiffer, jr.
Fence Viewers	{ Irving S. Hodgdon William G. Hartwell David L. B. Fitch
Assessor of Taxes for 3 yrs.	Willis G. Lane.
Water Commissioner for 3 yrs.	Henry D. Lyons.
Overseer of Poor for 3 yrs.	Charles E. Williams.
Town Treasurer	George Arthur Skelton.
Collector of Taxes	A. Elmer Blake
Auditors	{ Wallace G. Webber Sherman G. Rich
Surveyor of Highways	David L. B. Fitch.
Park Commissioner for 3 yrs.	Elihu G. Loomis.
School Committee for 3 years.	Winifred B. T. Simonds
Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library.	Elihu G. Loomis, for 4 yrs.
Shawsheen Cemetery Committee	Charles W. Jenks, for 3 yrs.
Tree Warden	Charles W. Jenks Charles E. Williams A. Elmer Blake Edward Walsh Edward P. Kelley Thomas Ryan
Constables	

See page 288 for officers chosen by nomination at large.

Art. 4 Taken up in connection with Art. 3.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes - 18:- No - 125.

Meeting for other town business called to order at 9 A.M.

It was moved and seconded that every article except Arts. 3-4-13-26-32 be adjourned until an evening session to be held on Thursday, March 17th at 8 P.M. in this hall. Motion was lost by a vote of 40-11.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report. Also the Selectmen's report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards.

Voted that any officer wishing to submit a report other than as printed in Town Report have privilege of presenting it at this meeting.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools: Unexpended balance and	\$4500.
School Supplies	275.
Roads and Bridges	3000.
Incidentals and Moving Snow	3200.
Support of Poor	1000.
Fire Dept.	800.
Street Lights	1500.
Sidewalks	250.
Public Library	250.
Cemetery	100.
Old Burying Ground	25.
Memorial Day	125.
Interest, 700. from sinking fund.	
Bonds	\$40.
Scaler of Weights and Measures	50.
Interest on Water Bonds	1400.
Hydrant Service	1000.
Tree Warden: Unexpended balance and	100.

The following additional amounts were appropriated under special articles.

Town Water System on Crescent St.	\$900.
Watering Cart; A sum not exceeding	350. from treasury
Macadam roadway on Fletcher Road	200.
Grading and repairing hill at Staples Mill	500.
Fertilizer to be used on Wilson Park	10.

Art. 6. Voted that of the \$3000. appropriated for Roads and Bridges, \$2000 shall be applied as follows:— South District, 20%; West District, 20%; North District, 20%; Center District, 40% of which amount \$350. shall be expended for street watering. The sum of \$1000 of the amount for highways shall be divided as follows:— \$800 shall be spent on the Old Road to Billerica, Brooksby, or Page Road, in the discretion of the Highway Surveyor: \$200 shall be spent in the East District.

Art. 7. Voted that single poll taxes are payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1910, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in January, 1911, a deduction of six percent will be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded and collected, according to law. On all taxes not paid when due interest at the rate of six per cent per annum shall be collected, provided however that, when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, interest shall be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday in January, 1911. The compensation for the collection of taxes shall be two per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

- Art. 8 Voted that the Collector of taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.
- Art. 9 Voted that the ^{Town} ~~Town~~ ^{authorize the} Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning February first, 1910, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.
- Art. 10 Voted that the amount received from the dog tax be appropriated for the Library.
- Art. 11 Voted that the ^{matter of} proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- Art. 12 Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19th.
- Art. 13 Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Combination Hose Co. for their annual ball on Monday night, March 28, 1910.
- Art. 14 Laid on table.
- Art. 15 Indefinitely postponed.
- Art. 16 Voted that rate of rental of Town Hall for organizations that use the building regularly from month to month be two dollars (\$2.00) from seven until eleven o'clock.
- Art. 17 Voted that one thousand dollars (\$1000) be and hereby is appropriated for hydrant service with the understanding with the Board of Water Commissioners and the Town Treasurer that said sum

of one thousand dollars shall be used in payment of interest on Town of Bedford Water Loan Bonds due August 1st, 1910 and February 1st, 1911.

Art. 18. Voted that the Board of Water Commissioners be and hereby is instructed to extend the pipe line of the Town water system from South Street through Crescent Street to Hartford Street and that the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose, said sum to be raised by the tax levy of 1910.

Art. 19. Voted that the Town appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty ^{dollars} (\$350.) from money that is or may be in the Treasury, said sum to be expended by the Highway Surveyor in the purchase of a watering cart.

Art. 20. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to be expended in extending the macadam roadway on Fletcher Road.

Art. 21. Motion, duly made and seconded, to instruct the School Committee to sell the windmill on the School-house land and appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the Water Department for the purchase of service connection materials was lost by a vote of 40 to 17.

Art. 22. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.), to be used in grading and repairing the hill at Staples Mill.

Art. 23. Voted that the matter of extending the town water system on the Concord Road be postponed until the next special meeting of the Town, and that meanwhile the Water Board be instructed to obtain estimates as to cost.

Art. 24. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 25. Voted that this article be laid on the table.

Art. 26. Voted that matter of installing sanitary toilet rooms in the Town Hall Building be left to the Selectmen with instructions to report at the

next regular or special Town Meeting.
 Art. 27. ^{Voted} Matter of electric light at corner of Hartford and Loomis Streets be referred to Selectmen with instruction to put in such light.

Art. 28. Voted that the Treasurer of the Town be empowered to receive sums of money, not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.) in any one case, from individuals or otherwise, for the care of lots or other special purposes in the burial grounds of the Town, and allow interest on said sums at the rate of five per cent. per annum, from the first day of the month next succeeding the deposit.

Provided however that no sum less than fifty dollars (\$50.) shall be received as aforesaid for the care of any one lot, and provided further that each lot shall first have been certified by the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee to be in good condition, and, that unless otherwise specified in the Fund, "Perpetual care" shall mean the care of the ground only.

Voted that the further subject matter of Trust Funds according to the Town Book be referred to a committee consisting of the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee and the Selectmen to report at the next regular or special Town Meeting.

Art. 29. Voted that this matter be referred to the Selectmen with instructions to arrange for sale of sand pit in the South part of the town on terms deemed advisable by them and report at next Town Meeting.

Art. 30. Voted that matter of purchase of forest fire fighting equipment be laid on the table until the fall meeting.

Art. 31 Voted to appropriate ten dollars (\$10.)

from money that may be in the treasury to purchase fertilizer to be used on Wilson Park.
 Art. 32. Voted that the Town do vote the free use of the Town Hall to the Bedford Grange to hold a Farmers' Institute.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Surveyors of Lumber,
 William Thompson, Daniel C. Haynes, Quincy S. Cole,
 Oliver J. Lane, Herbert L. Clark, Roger W. Brown,
 C. Willard Plastringe, Charles H. Clark.

Field Drivers:
 David L. B. Fitch, William H. Mudge, S. S. Cole.

Pound Keeper.
 The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Voted that Charles W. Jenks be given a rising vote of thanks for his services as Moderator.
 Voted to adjourn.

A true record, Attest,
 Abbott P. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant
for Town
meeting,
Wednesday,
May 25th, 1910.

Middlesex SS;

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in
said County - Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhab-
itants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law
to vote in elections and in Town affairs to
meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on
Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of May, 1910 at
8 o'clock P. M. Then and there to act on the
following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at
said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear reports of any committees and
act on the same.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of Two Thousand
dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of extend-
ing the macadan road on the Billerica
Road so called from a point near the
house of Warren Dutton to and through
the Sweetwater Avenue to the railroad
crossing of the Boston and Maine R.R.
or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate
the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.) for
the use of the Water Department for the
purchase of service connection materials.

Art. 5. By request of James R. Poor and others
to see if the Town will vote to instruct
the Board of Water Commissioners to
extend the supply main of the Town
Water System from the second hydrant
on the North Road a distance of about
eleven hundred feet (1100 ft.) raise and ap-
propriate for this purpose the sum of eleven
hundred dollars (\$1100.), this sum to be raised
by the tax levy of 1910, or do anything in
relation to the same.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to sell the gravel pit in the south part of the town for fifty dollars (\$50.⁰⁰) or any other sum, appoint a committee for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to settling a claim of One Hundred dollars (\$100.⁰⁰) from Edith M. Bell for injuries received by a fall on the sidewalk near the house of Charles W. Jenks, appoint a committee to settle or defend the case or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said town eight days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of May, 1910.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
Howard H. Shelton	
J. Pfeiffer, Jr.	

Bedford, Mass., May 25th, 1910

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on May 17th, 1910

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Doing at Agreeably to the foregoing warrant, the voters of
 Town Meeting, the Town of Bedford assembled at the Town Hall on
 May 25th, 1910. Wednesday, May 25th, 1910, and transacted business
 as follows:-

Article 1. George R. Blinn was chosen to serve as Moderator
 and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. There were no committees to report.

Art. 3. A motion, duly made and seconded, to extend
 the macadam roadway on the North Road from
 a point near the house of Warren Dutton to and
 through Sweetwater Avenue and to appropriate
 a sum of money for that purpose was lost.

Art. 4. Voted that the sum of Two Hundred dollars be
 appropriated from the balance in the treasury
 on February 1st, 1910 for the use of the
 Water Commissioners in purchasing service
 connection materials.

Art. 5. Voted that the subject matter of this article
 be laid on the table.

Art. 6. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell
 the gravel pit in the South part of the
 town at auction and to execute a deed
 to be delivered to the purchaser.

Art. 7. Voted that the subject matter of this article
 be referred to the Selectmen with authority
 to settle the claim for a sum not exceeding
 one hundred dollars (\$100.) if in their
 judgment it seem advisable.
 Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting October 15th, 1910.
 To Edward P. Kelley, Middlesex SS.
 Constable of the Town of Bedford in said county
 Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday the fifteenth day of October, 1910 at 8 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear the reports of Committees and act on the same.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding Four Hundred dollars for the purpose of buying a new Forest Fire Wagon and a new set of harness for the same or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 4 To see if the Town will accept from certain abutters on the North Road the sum of Three Hundred dollars (\$300.) which sum shall be used with a further sum to be raised by the Town in extending the Water Mains of the Town Water System about 1300 feet on North Road or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 5 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred dollars (\$800.) to be raised by the Tax Levy of 1911 which sum shall be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners together with the gift of Three Hundred dollars (\$300.) from abutting property owners in the

construction of an extension of the Water Mains of the Town Water System a distance of 1300 feet on the North Road from the hydrant opposite the Estate of Margaret Wall.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifth day of October, 1910

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Howard L. Skelton } of
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass.

Oct. 14, 1910.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on October 5th, 1910.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the doings of the constable thereon.
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, October 15th, 1910.
 Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford assembled at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, October 15th, 1910, and transacted business as follows:-

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and duly sworn.

Art. 2. There were no committees to report.

Art. 3. Voted:- That the Town do appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.) dollars from money now in the Treasury for the purchase, under the direction of the Fire Warden and Board of Selectmen, of a forest fire wagon, equipment, and harness for the same.

This vote was unanimous.

Art. 4. Voted:- That the Town accept from certain abutters on the North Road the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.) dollars, which sum shall be used with a further sum to be raised by the Town, in extending mains of the Town Water System about 1300 feet on the North Road.

Art. 5. Voted:- That the Town by this vote appropriates the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.) dollars, to be raised by the tax levy of 1911, which sum shall be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners together with a gift of Three Hundred (\$300.) dollars from abutting property owners, in the construction of an extension of the water mains of the Town Water System a distance of about 1300 feet on the North Road from the hydrant opposite the estate of Margaret A. Wall.

This vote was unanimous.

Voted:- That a vote of thanks be extended to the abutters on the North Road who have so generously contributed \$300 toward extending the water system.

Voted :- To adjourn.

A true record. Attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting and State Election
Tuesday, November 8th, 1910.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open at least four hours) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, County Commissioner, Associate Commissioners, District Attorney, Sheriff. Also to fill special vacancies made vacant by death. A Congressman in Fourth Congressional District; a County Commissioner in Middlesex County. Also to vote on the question of direct nominations for Representative to the General Court in the Thirteenth Middlesex District.

Also to act on the following articles relating to town affairs.

- Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear the reports of any committees and act on the same.
- Art. 3. To elect an Auditor to fill the unexpired

term made vacant by the death of Wallace G. Webber.

- Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty-three dollars and Thirty-one cents (\$553.31) for the gypsy and brown-tail moth work as required by the state laws.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to employ counsel if necessary in defending a suit brought against the Town by the Trustee of the Kenrick estate.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) to extend the water mains of the Bedford Water Work on Spring Street to the house of Edward Walsh or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Combination Hose Co. for their annual dance on Easter Monday night, 1911.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to carry out the work of completing the Water System as voted October 8th, 1908, from the house of W. B. Hughes to the corner of Davis and Concord Roads opposite the house of Francis P. Magoun or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money not exceeding Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) to install toilet rooms in the Town Hall Building or do anything in relation thereto.

The time for acting on the matter in the Warrant relating to Town affairs is fixed at 11 o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty-eighth day of October, A.D. 1910.

Erving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Howard D. Skelton } of
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., Nov. 7, 1910.

I have served the within warrant as directed by posting two attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall in said Bedford on October 28th, 1910.

Chas. C. Williams,

Constable of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Election
1910
Nov. 8th

Doings at Town Meeting Nov. 8th, 1910.

Meeting was called to order at 6 A. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John L. Blake and John D. Coyntors were appointed to act as ballot clerks and duly sworn. The ballot box was opened, and shown to be empty, after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. The Town Clerk delivered a sealed package to the presiding officer Erving L. Hodgdon, who opened same and showed it to con-

tain four hundred ballots which were delivered to the ballot clerks. The polls were then declared open and balloting commenced. At 3 P.M. the first block of ballots was taken from the ballot box and A. Elmer Blake having been appointed to assist in counting and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. By vote of the meeting the polls were closed at 4.30 (standard time). The register on the ballot-box showed that One Hundred and Ninety-four ballots had been cast, and the check lists used by the Town Clerk and Ballot Clerks showing the same number, the tally was declared perfect. The result of the balloting was as follows.

Governor

Eben S. Draper (Rep.)	135
Eugene N. Foss. (Dem.)	50
Eugene N. Foss. (Dem. Progressive Nom. Paper)	3
John A. Nicholls (Pro.)	0
Moritz C. Puther (Soc. Lab.)	2
Daniel A. White (Soc.)	1
Blanks	3
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Lieutenant Governor

Thomas F. Cassidy (Dem. Ind. Nom. Paper)	41
Louis A. Frothingham (Rep.)	137
Henry C. Hess (Soc. Lab.)	2
Patrick Mahoney (Soc.)	1
Wm. G. Merrill (Pro.)	0
Blanks	13
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Secretary

Harriet D'Orsay (Soc.)	1
Charles J. Martell (Dem.)	37
Andrew Mortenson (Soc. Lab.)	1
William M. Olin (Rep.)	132
William C. Thomas - (Pro.)	2
Blanks	21

Treasurer.

Carl Fredrikson (Soc. Lab.)	2
Thomas A. Frissell (Pro.)	0
Sylvester J. Mc Bride (Soc.)	1
Benjamin F. Peach (Dem.)	38
Elmer A. Stevens (Rep.)	131
Blanks	22
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Auditor.

John Holt (Pro.)	1
Jeremiah P. McNally (Soc. Lab.)	0
Ambrose Miles (Soc.)	2
Charles C. Paine (Dem.)	40
Henry C. Turner (Rep.)	133
Blanks	18
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Attorney General

Dennis McGoff (Soc. Lab.)	1
Harold Metcalf (Soc.)	2
John B. Patigan (Dem.)	40
James M. Swift (Rep.)	130
Blanks	21
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Congressman - for regular term.

John J. Mitchell (Dem.)	62
James D. Ryan (Soc.)	2
William H. Wilder (Rep.)	118
Blanks	12
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Congressman - for unexpired term

John J. Mitchell (Dem.)	59
William H. Wilder (Rep.)	114
Blanks	21
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Councillor

Herbert C. Fletcher (Rep.)	127
J. Kelso Mairs (Dem.)	40
Blanks	27
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Senator

Frank P. Bennett, Jr. (Rep.)	132
Philip A. Kiely (Dem.)	40
Blanks	<u>22</u>
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Representative in General Court

Anthony J. Doherty (Dem.)	47
Waldo L. Stone (Rep.)	127
Blanks	<u>20</u>
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County Commissioner - for regular term

Charles H. Richardson (Rep.)	130
Dexter C. Whittemore (Dem.)	42
Blanks	<u>22</u>
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County Commissioner - for unexpired term

Winthrop H. Fairbanks (Dem.)	44
Chester B. Williams (Rep.)	129
Blanks	<u>21</u>
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Associate Commissioners

Leander V. Colahan (Dem.)	30
Joseph L. Marin (Dem.)	27
Frank A. Patch (Rep.)	100
Edward Everett Thompson (Rep.)	119
Blanks	<u>112</u>
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District Attorney

John J. Higgins (Rep.)	133
James J. Lawin (Dem.)	44
Blanks	<u>17</u>
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Sheriff.	
John R. Fairbairn (Rep.)	137
Whitfield L. Tuck (Dem.)	37
Blanks	20
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"Shall nominations by political parties of candidates for the office of representatives in this district be by direct plurality vote?"

Yes	103
No	15
Blanks.	76
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Town

Town Business

Business Meeting for the consideration of articles in
Nov. 8th, 1910. the warrant relating to Town Affairs
was called to order at 11 A.M.

Art. 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator

Art. 2. There were no committees to report.

Art. 3. Voted that the polls be kept open for four hours for the choice of an Auditor.

At the expiration of that time it was found that twenty one votes had been cast, all for Roger W. Brown, who was declared elected to the office of Auditor.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-one cents (\$553.31) from the tax levy of 1911 to carry on the gypsy and brown-tail moth work.

Art. 5. Voted that the Board of Water Commissioners be and hereby is authorized to employ counsel, if necessary, in defending the suit brought against the Town by the heirs of the Hendrick estate.

Art. 6. Voted that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

- Art. 7.

Voted that the Town do grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Combination Hose Co. for its annual dance on Easter Monday, 1911.
- Art. 8.

Voted that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.
- Art. 9.

Voted that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.
- Voted that the polls be closed for the election of state officers at 4.30 P. M. (Standard time).
- Voted that the meeting for the consideration of Town Affairs be now adjourned.
- A true record. Attest, Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Clerks Meeting, November 18th, 1910.

Vote of District No. 13 for Representative to the General Court as obtained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said District held in Concord, November 18th, 1910 at 12 o'clock noon.

	Bedford.	Concord.	Lincoln.	Sudbury.	Wayland.	Weston.	Total
A. J. Loherty	47	360	112	42	173	62	796
W. L. Stone	127	456	68	149	249	233	1282
Blanks	20	72	14	11	39	20	176
	194	888	194	202	461	315	2254

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Waldo L. Stone of Sudbury and signed by

Abbott R. Webber,	Town Clerk of Bedford
Walter A. Carr	" " " Concord
George L. Chapin	" " " Lincoln
Frank F. Gerry	" " " Sudbury
Daniel Brackett	" " " Wayland
George W. Cutting	" " " Weston

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was forwarded to the Representative elect.

Attest: Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Sudbury, Mass. Nov. 21, 1910.

To Abbott R. Webber,

Town Clerk of Bedford, Mass.

I have this day delivered in hand to
Waldo L. Stone, of Sudbury, the certificate of his
election as Representative in the General Court
as directed to do by the Clerk of the town of
Sudbury, and have made due return
thereof to each of the Clerks of the towns com-
prising the Thirteenth Middlesex Representative
District, as by law directed.

Francis C. Bent,

Constable of Sudbury.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk of Bedford.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Monday March 6th, 1911.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify and
warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
qualified by law to vote in elections and in
town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of
said Bedford on Monday the sixth day
of March next at 6.30 o'clock in the
forenoon then and there to act on the
following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article 1.

To choose a moderator to preside at
said meeting.

Art. 2.

To hear reports of Committees and town
Officers and act on the same.

Art. 3.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for
the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open
for voting for said officers the length

of time the meeting may decide upon.

Art. 4. To vote on the question, viz.: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford, Yes or No.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from Dog Licenses.

Art. 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the nineteenth day of April, 1911.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to install electric lights in the Union School Building, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize a portion of the Davis Road beginning at the Concord Road opposite the residence of Francis P. Magoun, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) to macadamize a portion of the Burlington Road from the Old Road to Billerica to the Shawshen River in said Bedford on the Burlington Road.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to extend the water mains of the Bedford Water Department on Spring Street to the Whitten Place, so called, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) to be spent on the Carlisle Road in connection with a like sum to be appropriated by the State Highway Commission, the money to be spent in repairs from the corner of the Billerica Road to the foot of Fords Hill, so called, under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.) to extend the water mains of the Bedford Water Department on the Concord Road, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied

to interest on the Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.

Art. 20. (By request of Roy Proctor) To see if the Town will give the Board of Water Commissioners permission to lay a service pipe along the western line of the Hartwell estate on Elm Street in order to supply water to abutters on School Avenue, a private way.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of February, 1911.

Erving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Howard D. Shelton } of
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., March 1, 1911.

I have served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies of same on Feb. 24, 1911, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall in said Bedford.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Attest,

Abbott W. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Monday, March 6th, 1911.

Art. 1

The meeting was called to order at 6.30 A.M. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and duly sworn. Dudley P. Ladd was appointed Ballot Clerk and duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and found to be empty.

Voted to take up Articles 3 and 4 at this time, and that the polls be now opened for the choice of one Selectman for three years, three Town Viewers, one Assessor of Taxes for 3 years, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of School Committee for 2 years (unexpired term), one member of School Committee for three years, one Surveyor of Highways, one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for four years, one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for two years (unexpired term), one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden and Five Constables; and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for voting on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford.

Art. 3.

Voted that the consideration of Articles 2, 5, and the remaining articles of the warrant be taken up at nine o'clock. Result of ballot was as follows:—

Selectman, for 3 years	Sherman G. Rich	s.
Fence Viewers	{ Irving L. Hodgdon	s.
	{ William G. Hartwell	
	{ David L. B. Fitch	s.
Assessor of Taxes, for 3 years	Irving L. Hodgdon	s.
Overseer of Poor, for 3 years	William B. Hughes	s.
Town Clerk, for 3 years	Abbott R. Webber	
Town Treasurer	George Arthur Skelton	s.
Collector of Taxes	A. Elmer Blake	s.
Auditors	{ Edward C. Mason	
	{ Roger W. Brown	
Water Commissioner, for 3 years	George M. Dimond	s.
School Committee	{ Martha S. Mason for 2 yrs.	s.
	{ John Kirkegaard for 3 yrs.	s.
Surveyor of Highways	David L. B. Fitch	s.
Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library	William N. Cragin for 4 yrs.	
Shawsheen Cemetery Committee	{ Abbott R. Webber for 2 yrs.	
	{ George A. Goodwin for 3 yrs.	s.
Park Commissioner, for 3 years	Oliver J. Lane	
Tree Warden	Charles H. Jenks.	s.
	{ A. Elmer Blake	s.
	{ Edward Walsh	
	{ Thomas Ryan	
	{ Edward P. Kelley	s.
	{ Walter F. Fitch.	s.
Constables		

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Surveyors of Lumber
William Thompson, Daniel E. Haynes, Quincy S. Cole,
Oliver J. Lane, Herbert L. Clark, Roger W. Brown,
C. Willard Platridge, Charles H. Clark.

Field Drivers
David L. B. Fitch, William H. Mudge, Quincy S. Cole.

Pound Keeper
The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Art. 4. Taken up in connection with Article 3.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford?

Yes, 13

No, 126

Meeting for other town business called to order at 9 A.M.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

The Committee on Cemetery Trust Funds reported that some progress had been made, but that the task had proved more difficult than was anticipated, and they asked for further time.

Voted that such further time be granted.

Selectmen's report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards read and accepted.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools, Unexpended balance, \$1,973.37, and	\$4450.
School Supplies, Unexpended balance, 39.13, and	275.
Roads and Bridges	3000.
Incd's + Moving Snow	4000.
Support of Poor	1000.
Fire Department	800.
Street Lights	1500.
Sidewalks	250.
Public Library, Amount received from Dog Licenses +	250.
Cemetery, Unexpended balance, \$581.84.	
Old Burying Ground	25.
Memorial Day, Unexpended balance, 19.30 and	125.
Interest	800.
Bonds	40.
Sealer of Weights + Measures	50.
Interest on Water Bonds	1400.
and amount called for under Art. 19,	1000.
Tree Warden, Unexpended balance, 75.92 and	25.
Additional sums appropriated under special articles	
Extend water mains on Spring St.	600.
Carlisle Road	1500.

Amounts previously appropriated from tax levy of 1911

October 15th

\$800.

November 8th

553.31

Resolved: That in reference to street lights the Selectmen be requested to obtain better service if possible on dark nights.

Art. 6.

Voted that of the \$3,000 appropriated for Roads and Bridges, \$2,000 shall be applied as follows:— South District, 20 per cent; West District, 20 per cent; North District, 20 per cent; Center District, 40 per cent, of which amount \$350 shall be expended for street watering. The sum of \$1,000 of the amount for highways shall be divided as follows:— \$800 shall be spent on the Old Road to Billerica, Brookside, or Page Roads in the discretion of the Highway Surveyor; \$200 shall be spent in the East District; and that the amount expended for each district be reported in the Town Report.

Art. 7.

Voted that single poll taxes be payable on demand; on all other taxes if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1911, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in January, 1912, a deduction of 6 per cent be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum be collected, provided however that when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1911, interest be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday in January, 1912. The compensation for the collection of taxes be 2 per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 8.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

- Art. 9. Voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year to an amount not exceeding twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from taxes of the present municipal year.
- Art. 10. Voted that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the Library.
- Art. 11. Voted that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- Art. 12. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19th.
- Art. 13. Voted that the matter of installing electric lights in the Union School Building be laid on the table.
- Art. 14. A motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$500 to macadamize a portion of the Davis Road beginning at the Concord Road was lost.
- Art. 15. A motion duly made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to macadamize a portion of the Burlington Road from the Bridge to the Old Road to Billerica was lost.
- Art. 16. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.) to extend the water mains of the Bedford Water Department on Spring Street to the Whitten Place, so called.

Resolved: That it is the policy of the Town to raise and expend a sum not exceeding

one thousand dollars (\$1000) yearly for the extension of the water works.

Art. 17 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) to be spent on the Carlisle Road in connection with a like sum to be appropriated by the State Highway Commission, the money to be spent in repairs from the corner of the Billerica Road to the foot of Ford's Hill, so called, said vote not to be effective unless the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) is appropriated by the state.

Art. 18 Voted that the matter of extending water mains on the Concord Road be laid on the table.

Art. 19 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for hydrant service, with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on the Town of Bedford Water Bonds during the current year.

Art. 20 Voted that the Town give the Board of Water Commissioners permission to lay a service pipe along the western line of the Hartnell Estate on Elm Street in order to supply water to abutting property owners on School Ave., a private way.

The question of the life interest in the property of Mrs. Lucy P. Hartnell was brought up and the Commissioners agreed to secure her permission before proceeding.

Voted that the Resolutions presented by Mr. Hodgdon upon the retirement of Mrs. Simonds be accepted, that the same be given a page in the Records of the Town Clerk, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to procure an engrossed copy of the same and send to Mrs. Simonds.

Resolutions upon the Retirement of Mrs. W.B.T. Simonds

As citizens of the Town of Bedford, we learn with regret of the resignation from the School Board of Mrs. Winnifred B.T. Simonds.

Recognizing as we do her long connection with the cause of education, both as a teacher in our schools and during her subsequent service of ten years as a member of the School Committee, we appreciate fully the loss, occasioned by her retirement, of the services so conscientiously and faithfully rendered during this long period.

By her gentle and unassuming personality she has endeared herself alike to teachers, parents and pupils, and her retirement from active work in connection with school affairs will be keenly felt by all.

While we realize that our schools will still have in her an earnest champion of their welfare, we desire publicly to express the deep regret which her resignation has caused and to record our appreciation of these years of devoted service.

May the future have in store for her many years of happy prosperity and peace, with a full realization of the knowledge that duty well performed brings its own reward.

Voted to extend a rising vote of thanks
to Mr. E. G. Loomis for his years of faithful
service on the School Committee.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 22nd, 1911.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday evening April 22nd, 1911 at 8 o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles:—

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3200.) to settle the judgment against the Town in the case of Oscar B. Mowry, Trustee of the Estate of Lucy L. Kenrick vs. the Town of Bedford and to pay the expenses of the trial
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) to paint the iron work on the Carlisle Bridge or do anything in regard to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of April in the year 1911.

Irving L. Hodgdon. } Selectmen
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
Sherman G. Rich } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., April 20, 1911
Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also at the Post Office on April 11, 1911, as above directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Doings at Town Meeting, April 22nd, 1911.

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was elected to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn

Art. 2. Voted that this matter be laid on the table.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars to paint the iron work of the Carlisle Bridge.
Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 29, 1911.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

On the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday evening, April 29th, 1911, at 8 o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred

($\$3,200.$) dollars towards the payment of the judgment against the Town in the case of O. B. Mowry, Trustee of the Estate of Lucy L. Kenrick, vs. the Town of Bedford, and the expense of the trial, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of April, 1911.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford
O. Pfeiffer, Jr.	
Sherman G. Rich	

Bedford, Mass. Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Bedford on the twenty-second day of April, 1911.

Edward P. Welley, Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk

Doing at Town Meeting, April 29th, 1911.

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the sinking fund the sum of twenty-two hundred ($\$2200.$) dollars and to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand

(\$1000) dollars, the same to be included in the tax levy of 1911, said sums to be applied by the Board of Water Commissioners towards the payment of the judgement against the town in the case of O. B. Mowry, Trustee of the Estate of Lucy L. Kenrick, vs. the Town of Bedford, and the expenses of said trial.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Primary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town who are qualified to vote in state primaries to meet in Town Hall, Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of September, 1911, it being the sixth Tuesday preceeding the State Election, at one o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of Political Parties for the following Offices:— Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney-General for this Commonwealth; Councillor for Sixth Councillor District; Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District; Representative for Thirteenth Middlesex Representative District; County Commissioner, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of Courts of Middlesex County, and for the election of the

following officers: Members of State Committee for the Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District; members of Town Committees for the Town of Bedford and Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be open from 10 o'clock P. M., to 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town, one each at the Post Office and Town Hall.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of September, A. D. 1911.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
 Sherman G. Pish } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the above warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also at the Post Office on September 11, 1911 as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
 Constable of Bedford.

Doings at State Primary, Sept. 26th, 1911.

Meeting was called to order at one P. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John L. Blake, and Edward Walsh were appointed to act as ballot clerks and were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, after which the keys were delivered to the constable in attendance. Packages contained ballots for the various political parties were delivered to the ballot clerks, and the polls were then declared open. At 8 P. M. the polls were closed and A. Elmer Blake and Michael F. Manning having been appointed to assist the tellers and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. The result of the balloting was as follows:—

Republican		Democratic.	
Governor			
Louis A. Frothingham,	76	Eugene N. Foss	6
Joseph Walker,	9	Thomas L. Higgen	1
Norman A. White	72	Blanks	2
Blanks	13		

Lieutenant		Governor.	
Robert Luce,	134	D. J. Walsh	7
Blanks	36	Blanks	2

Secretary			
Albert P. Langtry	83	F. J. Donaghue	3
Russell A. Wood	42	E. O. Skelton	2
Blanks	45	Blanks	4

Treasurer			
Elmer A. Stevens,	128	A. L. Thorndike	5
Blanks	42	Blanks	4

Auditor

H. W. Burr,	48	C. B. Strucker,	5
J. E. White,	75	Blanks,	4
Blanks,	47		

Attorney General

James M. Swift,	124	G. W. Anderson,	3
Blanks,	46	J. J. Leonard,	1
		Blanks,	5

Councillor

Herbert C. Fletcher,	114	Blanks,	9
Blanks,	56		

Senator

Frank P. Bennett,	133	P. A. Kiely,	5
Blanks,	37	Blanks,	4

Representative in General Court.

Orving S. Hodgdon,	73.	W. L. Bishop	3.
Emmanuel Pfeiffer, jr.	65.	Blanks	6
Waldo L. Stone,	28.		
Blanks	4.		

County Commissioner

C. W. Atkins	36.	C. J. Barton	5
L. S. Gould	89.	Blanks	4
Blanks	45.		

Register of Deeds

Edwin O. Childs,	123	C. L. Shea	6
Blanks	47	Blanks	3

Clerk of Courts

W. C. Dillingham,	124	T. F. Kearns	5
Blanks	46	Blanks	4

Republican

Democratic

State Committee

J. W. Grimes
Blanks117.
53.

Blanks. 9

Delegate to State Convention

Fred F. Cook
Blanks120
50Michael F. Manning, 2
Blanks 7

Town Committee

Louis Pfeiffer, 110
Sherman G. Rich, 115
Fred F. Cook, 111
Chas. W. Blake, 118
Marcus B. Webber, 115
Chas. A. Burke, 1
Hiram C. Young, 1
Harrison A. Hodgdon, 1
Sydney W. Young, 1
William B. Hughes, 1
Blanks, 13Edward Walsh, 1
Peter Kavanaugh, 2
Michael F. Manning, 1
John Walsh, 1
Blanks 7

The records of the ballots clerks showed that 170 Republican, 9 Democratic, and 0 Progressive Democratic ballots had been cast. The check list used by the Town Clerk and the register on the ballot box showed that 179 ballots had been cast, and the tally was therefore declared perfect. Adjourned.

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Narrant for Town Meeting September 28, 1911.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on September twenty-eighth next at eight o'clock P. M. there and there to act on the following articles.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear reports of committees and act on the same.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to install electric lights in the Union School, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) for the purpose of extending the water mains of the Town Water System to the farm buildings of Roger W. Brown on the North Road, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to remove the Town Water Trough now situated near Lexington Park to some place in Depot Square, appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.77) and seventy-seven cents for the Gypsy and Brown-tail Moth Work as required by law for the year beginning Dec. 1, 1911.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.) dollars or such part thereof as may be necessary to refit the Town Safe, procure safes

for the various Town Boards as required by the Commissioner of Public Records or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred (\$700) dollars to make good the deficiency in the Town Treasury made by the abatements on taxes as voted by the Town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of September, 1911.

Irving L. Hodgdon }
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen of
Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the above warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also at the Post Office on Sept. 19, 1911, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford

Bedford, Mass.

Sept. 19, 1911.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, September 28, 1911.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Resolved: That the Selectmen be instructed to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Parent Teacher Association for an entertainment to be given during the coming winter.
Resolved: That the Selectmen be authorized to allow certain organizations to hold smokers in the Town Hall at which smoking may be permitted.

Art. 3. Voted: That the Town install electric lights in the Union School House and raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100.) dollars for that purpose, the same to be included in the next tax levy.

Art. 4. Voted: That the sum of four hundred (\$400.) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of extending the mains of the Town Water System on the North Road to the farm buildings of Roger W. Brown, said sum to be included in the tax levy of 1912.

Art. 5. Voted: That the town watering trough now near Lexington Park be moved to Depot Square, and that the sum of forty (\$40.) dollars be raised and appropriated in the tax levy of 1912 for that purpose. Also that David L. B. Fitch be appointed as a committee to carry out the work.

Art. 6. Voted: That the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$600.77) for the Gypsy and Brown-tail moth work for the year beginning December 1st, 1911

as required by state law, same to be included in the tax levy of 1912.

Art. 7. Voted: That the Town do raise and appropriate from the tax levy of 1912, five hundred (\$500.) dollars, or such part thereof as may be necessary to refit the Town Safe and procure safes for the various Town Boards as required by the Commissioner of Public Records.

Art. 8. Voted to lay this article on the table.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Election, Tuesday, November 7, 1911.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said County, Greeting:--

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next at 6 o'clock A.M., at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open at least four hours) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General for this Commonwealth, Councillor for the sixth Councillor District, Senator for the seventh Middlesex Senatorial District, Representative for the Thirteenth Middlesex Representative District, County Commissioner, Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County.

Also to vote on the following questions, namely

Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the use of voting machines at all elections (Chapter 75, Resolves of 1911).

Amendment to the Constitution increasing the power of the Legislature to authorize the taking of land and property for highways or streets (Chapter 91, Resolves of 1911).

Acceptance of Chapter 634, Acts of 1911, entitled an act to authorize the Counties of the Commonwealth to establish Retirement Systems for their employees

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of October, A.D., 1911.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Sherman G. Rich } of
Bedford.

Middlesex, SS.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, and also at the Post Office, on October 28, 1911.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Attest
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at State Election, November 7th, 1911
 Meeting called to order at 6 A. M. by the
 Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the
 return of the Constable thereon. John D.
 Blake, Dudley P. Ladd, and Edward Walsh
 were appointed to act as ballot clerks and
 duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and
 shown to be empty after which the keys
 were delivered to the Constable in attendance.
 A sealed package was delivered to the
 ballot clerks which on being opened was
 found to contain four hundred ballots. The
 polls were then declared open. At 3 P. M.
 the first block of ballots was taken from the
 ballot-box, and G. E. Blake & M. F. Manning having been
 appointed to assist in counting and duly
 sworn, the work of counting was begun.
 At 4.30 P. M. the polls were declared closed.
 The register on the ballot-box showed that
 two hundred and eleven ballots had been
 cast, and the check-lists used by the
 Town Clerk and Ballot Clerks showing the
 same number, the tally was declared
 perfect. The result of the voting was
 as follows:—

Governor	
James F. Carey (Soc.)	5
Eugene N. Foss (Dem.)	46
Eugene N. Foss (Dem. Prog.)	10
L. A. Frothingham (Rep.)	148
Dennis McLoft (Soc. Lab.)	0
Frank N. Rand (Pro.)	0
Blanks,	2

Lieutenant Governor

Walter S. Hutchins (Soc.)	4
Robert Suce (Rep.)	142
William G. Merrill (Pro.)	0
Patrick Mulligan (Soc. Lab.)	0
David V. Walsh (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	62
Blanks.	3

Secretary

David Craig (Soc. Lab.)	2
Frank L. Donahue (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	43
Alfred H. Evans (Pro.)	0
Rose Fenner (Soc.)	4
Albert P. Langtry (Rep.)	138
Blanks.	24

Treasurer

Joseph M. Coldwell (Soc.)	5
Jeremiah P. McNally (Soc. Lab.)	0
Charles E. Peakes (Pro.)	1
Elmer A. Stevens (Rep.)	141
Augustus L. Thordike (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	46
Blanks.	18

Auditor

Karl Lindstrand (Soc. Lab.)	2
Sylvester J. Mc Bride (Soc.)	4
William W. Nash (Pro.)	1
Charles B. Strecker (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	38
John E. White (Rep.)	138
Blanks.	28

Attorney General

George W. Anderson (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	43
Henry C. Hess (Soc. Lab.)	0
George E. Roemer, Jr. (Soc.)	4
James M. Swift (Rep.)	142
Blanks	22

Councillor

Leander V. Colahan (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	37
Herbert C. Fletcher (Rep.)	144
Blanks	30

Senator

Frank P. Bennett Jr. (Rep.)	160
Philip A. Kiely (Dem.)	40
Blanks	11

Representative in General Court.

Warren Langmaid Bishop (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	86
Waldo L. Stone (Rep.)	115
John C. Wright (Soc. Cit.)	2
Blanks	8

County Commissioners

Charles J. Harton (Dem.)	43
Leri S. Gould (Rep.)	147
Blanks	21

Clerk of Courts

William C. Dillingham (Rep.)	154
Thomas F. Kearns (Dem. Prog.) (Dem.)	36
Blanks	21

Register of Deeds
 Edwin O. Childs (Rep.) 148
 Charles Leo Shea (Dem.) 37
 Blanks. 26

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the use of voting machines at all elections be approved and ratified?

Yes. 94
 No. 34
 Blanks. 83

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, increasing the power of the legislature to authorize the taking of land and property for highways or streets, be approved and ratified?

Yes. 83
 No. 40
 Blanks. 88

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act authorizing the counties of the commonwealth to establish retirement systems for their employees" be accepted?

Yes. 76
 No. 51
 Blanks. 84

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Clerks' Meeting

Vote of Middlesex District No. 13 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said district, held at Concord, November 17th, 1911., at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Weston	Total
Warren L. Bishop, of Wayland	86	329	59	40	217	50	781
Waldo L. Stone, of Sudbury	115	476	105	138	161	277	1272
John C. Wright, of Wayland	2	6	1	2	45	2	58
Blanks	8	44	15	6	11	18	102
	211	855	180	186	434	347	2213

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Waldo L. Stone of Sudbury and signed by
 Abbott R. Webber Town Clerk of Bedford
 Erastus H. Smith, Asst. Town Clerk of Concord
 George L. Chapin Town Clerk of Lincoln
 Frank F. Gerry Town Clerk of Sudbury.
 Daniel Brackett Town Clerk of Wayland
 George W. Cutting Town Clerk of Weston.

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was forwarded to the Representative elect.

Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex SS.

Sudbury, Nov. 22, 1911.

To Abbott R. Webber,

Town Clerk of Bedford,

Greeting:

I have this day delivered in hand to Waldo L. Stone, at his residence in the Town of Sudbury, in said County, the duplicate certificate of his election to the office of Representative in the next General Court

from Representative District Number Thirteen, prepared by the Clerks of the towns comprising said district, at their meeting held at Concord, in said County, November 17, 1911, and transmitted to me for delivery to said representative elect.

Francis E. Bent

Constable of Sudbury.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Monday, March 4, 1912.
Middlesex, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at 6.30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant:—

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- Art. 2. To hear reports of Committees and Town Officers, and act upon the same.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide upon.
- Art. 4. To vote on the question, viz.: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes or No.
- Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

- Art. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 7. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 10. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.
- Art. 11. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th day of April, 1912.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) to be spent on the Carlisle Road in connection with a like sum to be appropriated by the State Highway Commissioners, the money to be spent in repairs from the corner of the Billerica Road and to extend towards Carlisle Bridge, the work to be done under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) for hydrant service with the

understanding that the said sum shall be applied to Interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.

- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) to build a sidewalk on the Westerly side of Elm Street, beginning at the Hartwell House and continue as far Westerly as deemed best by the Superintendent of Streets, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Street Lights on the Concord Road to the Concord boundary line, raise or appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will approve the vote of the Cemetery Committee in regard to sale of Lots to Non-Residents, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the disposition of the Bank and Corporation Tax, either as to proceeds from such now on hand, called the Sinking Fund, or received later, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee of five to consider the financial condition of the Town, the present methods of keeping Town accounts and to suggest any changes in such methods as may seem desirable, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to sums of money received in the future as Trust funds for the care of Cemetery Lots and Grounds, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to lay a two-inch water pipe from pipes at

pumping station to estate of Patrick Rooney, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to install electric lights extension of present system on Lexington Road, opposite the residence of Isaac C. Fitch estate, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the purpose of installing one more Electric Light extension of present system on North Road, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the purpose of installing three additional Street Lights on Springs Road, between Hillside Avenue and the Farm property of Rev. George Skene, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Parent-Teacher Association 4 times during the ensuing year, or do anything in regard to to the same.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.) or such part of same as may be needed, to Macadamize Sweetwater Avenue from the Railroad Station to Billerica Road, and that part of the Billerica Road adjacent to the same, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the Water Mains on Springs Road about 150 feet, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

(500) to repair hill on East end of Davis Road, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of February, 1912

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Emmanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
 Sherman G. Rich } Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and also at the Post Office in said Bedford on Feb. 23, 1912.

Edward P. Kelley,
 Constable of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest
 Abbott W. Webber,
 Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Monday, March 4th, 1912.
 Article 1 Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn, Dudley P. Ladd was appointed Ballot Clerk and was duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and found to be empty. Voted to take up Articles 3 and 4 at this time, and that the polls be now opened for the choice of one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Surveyor of Highways, one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for four years, one Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library for three years (Unexpired term), one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden and five Constables, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for voting on the question:— Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? Voted That the consideration of Articles 2, 5, and the remaining articles of the warrant be taken up at nine o'clock.

Art. 3. Result of ballot was as follows:—

Selectman for three years,	Irving L. Hodgdon.	S.
Assessor for three years,	David C. Cutler	S.
Overseer of the Poor for 3 years,	William G. Hartwell.	
Town Treasurer,	George Arthur Skelton.	S.
Collector of Taxes,	A. Elmer Blake	S.

Auditors

{ Roger W. Brown
Edward C. Mason

Water Commissioner for 3 years, Paul B. Webber.

School Committee for 3 years, Rev. George F. Piper. S.

Surveyor of Highways, David L. B. Fitch. S.

Trustees of Bedford Free Public Library, { George R. Blinn for 4 years
Albert R. Bacon for 3 years

Cemetery Committee for 3 years, George R. Blinn.

Park Commissioner for 3 years, Rev. James Sallaway

Tree Warden Charles W. Jenks. S.

Constables

{ A. Elmer Blake S.

{ Edward Walsh

{ Thomas Ryan

{ Edward P. Kelley S.

{ Walter F. Fitch. S.

The following officers were chosen by nomination
at large:-

Fence Viewers.

Irving L. Hodgdon, William G. Hartwell, David L. B. Fitch.

Surveyors of Lumber

William Thompson Daniel E. Haynes Quincy S. Cole

Oliver J. Lane Herbert L. Clark Roger W. Brown

C. Willard Plastringe. Charles H. Clark.

Field Drivers

William H. Mudge

Harry Frederick Waite.

Pound Keeper

The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Art. 4.

Taken up in connection with Article 3. Shall
licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating
liquors in the Town of Bedford.

Yes - 18.

No - 107.

Meeting for other Town business called to order
at 9 A. M.

Art. 2.

Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers
and Committees as printed in the Town report.
Also the Selectmen's Report on guide posts and
guide boards.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year:

Schools	5700.
School Supplies	275.
Roads and Bridges	4400.
Incidentals and moving snow	4000.
Support of Poor	1000.
Fire Department, Unexpended balance (\$6.56) and	800.
Street Lights	1500.
Sidewalks	400.
Public Library	250.
Cemetery, Unexpended balance (\$20.70) and	200.
Old Burying Ground, Unexpended balance (\$3.03) and	50.
Memorial Day	125.
Interest	700.
Bonds	40.
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.
Interest on Water Bonds, Amount appropriated under [Art. 14]	(1000.)
Tree Wardens, Unexpended	and 1000.
balance (\$17.56)	and 200.
Safes, Unexpended balance (\$234.)	
Carlisle Road	1000.
Discount on Taxes	1000.
Lowell Industrial School Tuitions	500.

Art. 6. Voted that of the four thousand four hundred dollars appropriated for roads and bridges, \$1000 shall be spent in the North District, \$1000 in the West District, \$1000 in the East District, \$1000 in the Center District which amount shall include \$350 for street watering or ailing at the discretion of the Highway Surveyor, and \$400 in the South District.

Art. 7. Voted that single poll taxes be payable on demand: on all other taxes, if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1912, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in January, 1913,

a deduction of six per cent be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum be collected, provided however that when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1912, interest be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday in January, 1913. The compensation for the collection of taxes be two per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 9. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1912, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$12,000, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Art. 10. Voted that the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the library.

Art. 11. Voted that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 12. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19th.

Art. 13. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) to be spent on the Carlisle Road in connection with a like sum to be appropriated by the State Highway Commissioners, the money to be spent in repairs from the corner of the

Billerica Road and to extend towards the Carlisle Bridge, the work to be done under the direction of the Highway Surveyor. Said vote not to be effective unless the sum of One Thousand Dollars shall be appropriated by the state.

Art. 14. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.

Art. 15. Voted that The Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) to be included in the appropriation for sidewalks to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Elm Street, beginning at the Hartwell House and continue as far northerly as deemed best by the Superintendent of Streets.

Art. 16. Laid on the table.

Art. 17. Voted that the Town do approve the vote of the Cemetery Committee as passed April 24th, 1909, as follows: - "That hereafter no lot be sold to a non-resident having no affiliations to Bedford, unless such sale is authorized by this Committee at a regular or special meeting; or without the approval of each individual member of the Committee."

Articles 18 Voted to take up Articles 18 and 19 together.

and 19 Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of six of which he shall be a member to consider the subject matter of article 19 and report its findings and recommendations at the next Town Meeting; and that Article 18 be referred to this committee; and that this committee be requested to report at an adjournment of this meeting Saturday, March 23rd at eight o'clock P.M., and that this meeting be adjourned to that time.

The Moderator appointed Irving L. Hodgdon, Sherman G. Rich, George Arthur Skelton,

Edward C. Mason and Roger W. Brown to serve with him on this committee.

Art. 20. Voted that the Town Treasurer be instructed to receive no more funds for care of cemetery lots or grounds under the vote of the Town March 6, 1893.

But that the Town Treasurer be empowered to receive sums of money, not exceeding five hundred (\$500.) dollars in any one case for the care of lots or other special purposes in the burial grounds of the Town, provided however that no sum less than fifty (\$50.) dollars shall be received as aforesaid for the care of any one lot and provided further that each such lot shall first have been certified by the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee to be in good condition, and that unless otherwise specified in the fund "Perpetual care" shall mean the care of the ground only.

That the Treasurer shall invest any such sums received as above either in a special or joint account and annually pay or transfer to the cemetery account the income from such investment

Art. 21 Laid on the table.

Art. 22 Voted to refer Articles 22, 23, and 24 to the

Art. 23 Selectmen with instructions to install the

Art. 24 lights asked for under appropriation for street lighting.

Art. 25 A motion of George H. Sweetnam to instruct the Selectmen to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Parent-Teacher Association four times during the ensuing year was not carried.

Art. 26 It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.) or such part of the same

as may be necessary, to macadamize Sweetwater Avenue from the Railroad Station to Billerica Road and that part of the Billerica Road adjacent to the same, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow, with the approval of the Selectmen \$3000. for three years, at a rate not to exceed four per cent, payable \$1000 each year for three successive years.

Art. 27. Laid on the table.

Art. 28. Laid on the table.

Voted to adjourn until March 23rd

Adjourned Town Meeting, March 23rd, 1912.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Report of Auditors read and accepted and placed on file.

Committee of six for the consideration of the financial condition of the Town requested further time.

Voted that such further time be granted.

Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Presidential Primary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in primaries to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford Tuesday, the thirtieth day of April, 1912 at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following Officers:

8 Delegates at Large to National Conventions,

8 Alternate Delegates at Large to National Conventions,

2 District Delegates to National Conventions,

2 District Alternate Delegates to National Conventions,

and also to express their Preference for Candidates for the Offices of President and Vice-President of the United States.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The Polls will be open from 1 o'clock P. M. to 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this First day of April, A. D., 1912.

Irving L. Hodgdon. } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
Sherman G. Rich. } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford, Mass., April 18, 1912.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford on the 18th day of April, 1912.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbott H. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Presidential Primary, April 30, 1912.
Meeting was called to order at one P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John L. Blake and Edward Walsh were appointed to act as ballot clerks and were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. Packages containing ballots for the Republican and Democratic parties were delivered to the ballot clerks, and the polls were then declared open. At 8 P.M. the polls were closed, and Edward P. Kelley and Michael F. Manning having been appointed to assist the tellers and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. The records of the ballot clerks showed that 154 Republican and 6 Democratic votes had been cast, and the check list used by the Town Clerk and the register on the ballot box showing that 160 ballots had been cast, the tally was declared perfect. The result of the balloting was as follows:—

Republican

Democratic

Delegates at Large

Charles S. Baxter	40	Frank J. Donahue	3
George W. Coleman	39		
Frederick Fosdick	40	E. Gerry Brown	0
Albert Bushnell Hart	40		
Octave A. La Riviere	39	John W. Coughlin	2
James P. Magenis	39	John F. Fitzgerald	3
Arthur L. Nason	40	William P. Hayes	3
Alvin G. Weeks	39	Charles J. Martell	3
		Humphrey O'Sullivan	3
Frank Seiberlich	5	Charles B. Strecker	3
		David J. Walsh	3
Winthrop Murray Crane	103		
John L. Bates	103	Henry F. Burt	3
Lucius Tuttle	101		
John W. Weeks	101	Henry T. Schaefer	2
Samuel B. Capen	102		
Samuel J. Elder	101	George Fred Williams	2
James F. Cavanagh	98		
Edmond Côté	97	John P. Sweeney	1
		James H. Vahey	1
		John A. Keliher	0

Alternate Delegates at Large

John D. Long	106	James M. Folan	4
Benjamin H. Anthony	105		
Frank Vogel	103	Joseph J. Leonard	4
Joseph Monette	105		
Charles H. Innes	104	Andrew A. Badaracco	3
Walter Ballantyne	104	Charles F. Campbell	2
Isaac L. Roberts	104	Peter J. Flaherty	3
Ernest G. Adams	106	James M. Folan	3
		Daniel H. Maguire	3
		Luke J. Minahan	3
		Daniel M. O'Brien	2
		Joseph F. O'Connell	2

Charles S. Burrill	40	
Thomas F. Doherty	39	John P. Kane 1
Richard R. Flynn	39	
John Larrabee	40	
John G. Maxfield	40	
Max Mitchell	40	
Cassius A. Ward	40	
Russell A. Wood	40	

District	Delegates	
Samuel C. Bennett	104	John J. Desmond 3
Walter B. Morse	101	Roger Sherman Hoar 3
John M. Keyes	41	M. Fred O'Connell 0
Frederick P. Glazier	39	John J. Prindiville 0

Alternate District	Delegates	
Harrie C. Hunter	43	Chen A. Hoban 1
John C. Coolidge	42	Charles F. McCarthy 1
Adelbert B. Messer	90	
George F. Leslie	88	

President of the United States		
Robert M. La Follette	2	Champ Clark 3
Theodore Roosevelt	42	Woodrow Wilson 3
William Howard Taft	101	

Vice President of the United States (Republican)		
James Sherman	2	Charles Hughes 1 Fairbank 1
Erving L. Hodgdon	2	Robert La Follette, 2. Murray Crane 1
John L. Bates	2	Curtis Guild 1 John Littlefield
S. W. Young	1	Barnum 1

May 6th, 1912

Result of Recount of votes received by Taft Delegates
at large at the Presidential Primary.

	Original Count	Recount
Seiberlich	5	5
Crane	103	101
Bates	103	101
Tuttle	101	99
Weeks	101	99
Capem	102	100
Elder	101	99
Caranagh	98	96
Cote	97	95

2 ballots were marked for 17 names
4 " " " " 9 "
1 " " " " 16 "

Two ballots in block 2 marked for 9 names
were evidently not counted out in the original count.

Attest:

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, May 14th, 1912.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in said county qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Tuesday, May 14th, 1912, at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
Art. 2. To hear the reports of Committees and act on the same
Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the purpose of extending the mains on Spruce Road a distance of about 150 feet or do anything in relation to the same
Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee for use of the schools as a place of meeting for school purposes at which no admission is charged, or do anything in relation to the same.
Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay the car-fares of the children attending the Industrial School at Lowell, or do anything in relation to the same. Also to raise and appropriate money for that purpose.
Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to increase the water bonds of the Bedford Water Department Ten Thousand (\$10,000.) dollars for the purpose of extending the water mains, appoint a committee to introduce a bill for the same in the Legislature the present session, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this third day of May, 1912

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Immanuel P. Plaffer, Jr. }
 Sherman G. Rich } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the above warrant, as directed, by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on May 6, A.D. 1912

Bedford, Mass.

May 6, 1912

Edward P. Kelley,
 Constable of Bedford.

Doings at Town Meeting, May 14th, 1912.

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. ~~who~~ by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. There were no committees to report.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.) for the purpose of extending the mains on Springs Road a distance of about one hundred and fifty feet, said sum to be raised by the tax levy of 1912.

Art. 4 Voted that the Town do grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee for use of the schools as a place of meeting for school

purposes at which no admission is charged four times during the year.

Art. 5

Voted that the Town do pay the car-fares of the children attending the Lowell Industrial School to Billerica Center.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to attend to this matter, and that they be authorized to pay a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) out of the funds for incidentals. Also that they be instructed to confer with the officials of the street railway regarding half fares.

Art. 6.

Laid on the table

Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting, August 15th, 1912.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Thursday the 15th day of August, 1912 at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.) to be spent in the observance of Old Home Week to be held August 31 - September 1 and 2, 1912, the money to be spent under the direction of a committee now in

existence composed of the Selectmen and others, with Henry D. Lyons as Treasurer of said committee, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to paint the Carlisle Bridge or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of August, 1912.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Bedford.

Middlesex SS. Bedford, Mass., Aug. 6, 1912.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on August 6, 1912 as within directed

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Attest, -

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, August 15th, 1912.

Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the observance of Old Home Week, that the money be spent under the direction of the following committee:-- Irving L. Hodgdon, Chairman; Henry D. Lyons, Treasurer; Louis Pfeiffer, Clerk; Sherman G. Rich; O. Pfeiffer, Jr.; Fred F. Cook; Sidney W. Young; Joseph H. Williams; Nathan H. Daniels, Jr.; Wallace Goldsmith; John R. Comley; Warren A. Cutler; Fred B. Bartlett; Charles W. Blake; Edward P. Kelley; Ross K. Whitton; George D. Piper; George R. Blinn; George M. Dimond; Charles E. Williams.

And that the money be raised by tax levy of 1913.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) from the tax levy of 1913 to paint the Carlisle Bridge.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest:--

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Primary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of September, 1912, at one o'clock, P.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor	for this Commonwealth
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Lieutenant Governor	" " "
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Secretary	" " "
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Treasurer and Receiver General	" " "
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Auditor	" " "
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Attorney General	" " "
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Representative in Congress	" Fifth Congressional District
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Councillor	" Sixth Councillor "
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Senator	" Seventh Senatorial "
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Representative in General Court	" Thirteenth Representative "
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County Commissioner	" Middlesex County
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County Treasurer	" " "
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And for the election of the following officers:

Member of State Committee	for Seventh Senatorial Dist.
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Members of Town Committee	" this Town
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Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from one o'clock to eight o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said

meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of September, A. D., 1912.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
Sherman G. Rich } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford, Mass. Sept. 12, 1912.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same in said Bedford on the 12th day of September, 1912.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

Doings at State Primaries, Sept. 24th, 1912.

The meeting was called to order at one P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. John S. Blake, A. Elmer Blake and Edward Walsh were appointed to act as ballot clerks and were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. Packages containing ballots for the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties were delivered to the ballot clerks, and the polls were then declared open. At 8 P.M. the polls were closed, and

having been appointed to assist the tellers and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. The records of the ballot clerks showed that ninety-eight Republican and six Democratic votes had been cast, and the check list used by the Town Clerk and the register on the ballot-box showing that one hundred and four ballots had been cast, the tally was declared perfect.

The result of the balloting was as follows:—

Republican		Democratic.	
Governor			
Everett C. Benton	72	Eugene N. Foss.	6
Joseph Walker	18	Joseph C. Pelletier	0
Blanks	7	Blanks	0
Joseph C. Pelletier	1		
Lieutenant Governor			
Robert Luce	82	Edward P. Barry	0
Blanks	15	David J. Walsh	6
David J. Walsh	1	Blanks	0
Secretary			
Albert P. Langtry	75	Frank J. Donahue	5
Blanks	23	Blanks	1
Treasurer			
Elmer A. Stevens	78	Joseph L. P. St. Coeur	5
Blanks	20	Blanks	1
Auditor			
John C. White	77	James F. Carens	5
Blanks	21	Blanks.	1
Attorney-General			
James M. Swift	78	George W. Anderson	5
Blanks	20	Blanks	1
Congressman			
William T. S. Bartlett	12	James H. Carmichael	0
James Wilson Grimes.	20	Humphrey O'Sullivan	6
John Jacob Rogers	57	Blanks	0
Blanks	9		

Councillor			
John J. Hibbs	14	John J. Hogan	5
George C. Marchand	19	Blanks	1
G. Frederick Simpson	40		
Blanks	25		

Senator			
Alonso G. Walsh	74	Edward Fisher	5
Blanks	24	Blanks	1

Representative in General Court.			
Frederick W. Eaton	77	James William Byron	5
Blanks	21	Blanks	1

County Commissioner			
Chester B. Williams	75	Michael F. Manning	1
Blanks	23	Blanks	5

County Treasurer			
Joseph O. Hagden	75	Thomas F. Boyle	4
Blanks	23	Blanks	2

State Committee			
Louis Pfeiffer	78	Michael L. English	1
Blanks	20	Blanks	5

Delegate to State Convention.			
Louis Pfeiffer	69	Michael F. Manning	5
Blanks	28	Blanks	1

M. F. Manning 1

Town Committee			
Louis Pfeiffer	80	Michael F. Manning	6
Sherman G. Rich	78	Sherman G. Rich	0
Charles W. Blake	78	Edward Walsh	6
Lewis D. Whittemore	77	George F. Piper	5
Albert H. Bacon	79	Blanks	1
J. H. Williams	1		
J. S. Hodgdon	1		
Paul B. Wether	1		

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct. 19, 1912. Middlesex ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday evening, October 19, 1912, at eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following questions in Town Warrant.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
 Art. 2. To hear reports of any committees and act on the same
 Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) to be used for the Industrial School at Lowell in addition to the amount already raised or do anything in relation to the same.
 Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) to be used in connection with the amount already raised for Incidentals and Moving Snow to cover the deficiency caused by insurance of the Town employees or do anything in relation to the same.
 Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty cents (\$667.80) to be used in the work of exterminating gypsy and brown-tail moths as required by law for year 1913.
 Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) to be used in macadamizing the McMaham Hill, so called on the West Road or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.) to be used ~~with~~ a like sum to be appropriated by the state to purchase a new power sprayer for moth work.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies ~~of~~ at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your ~~doings~~ doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of October, 1912.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
Emmanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	
Sherman G. Rich	

Middlesex SS

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office at said Bedford on October 9, 1912.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Attest:-

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Oct. 19, 1912

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by Town Clerk, who read the warrant and doings of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. There were no committees to report.

Art. 3. Voted that five hundred dollars (\$500.) be raised in the tax levy of 1913, to be used for tuitions at the Lowell Industrial School.

Art. 4. Voted that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) be raised from the tax levy of 1913 and added to incidentals and moving snow account to cover deficiency caused by insurance of Town employees.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town do raise the sum of six hundred sixty-seven dollars and eighty cents (\$667.80) to be used in the work of exterminating the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths.

Art. 6. Voted that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to expend the Excise Tax to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) in repairs on the McMaham Hill on the Concord Road, the work to be completed this fall.

Art. 7. Laid on the table.

Resolved that the Selectmen be requested to print the warrant for each Town Meeting and mail a copy to each voter at least three days before the date of the meeting.

Adjourned.

A true record. Attest,

Abbot R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State and National Election, November 5, 1912
Middlesex S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday, the fifth day of November next at 6 o'clock A.M., at which time the polls will be open (and they must be kept open at least four hours and as much longer as the meeting may direct to bring in their votes) to the Selectmen for the election of Presidential Electors for President of the United States, a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts, a Congressman from the Fifth Congressional District, a Councillor from the sixth Councillor District, a Senator for the Seventh Senatorial District, a Representative in the General Court from the Thirteenth Middlesex District, County Commissioners for Middlesex County, County Treasurer. Also to act on the following questions, viz.:—

Amendment to the Constitution disqualifying from voting persons convicted of certain offenses (Chapter 21, Resolves of 1912).

Amendment to the Constitution relative to the taxation of wild or forest lands (Chapter 115, Resolves of 1912)

Acceptance of Chapter 503, Acts of 1912, entitled an act relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns

All of the above to be voted on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of October, 1912.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
J. P. Puffer, Jr.	
Sherman G. Rich	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Oct. 10, 1912, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Abbott P. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at National and State Election, Nov. 5, 1912.

Meeting called to order at 6 A.M. After the reading of the warrant, A. Elmer Blake, Edward Walsh and Warren A. Butler were appointed to serve as ballot clerks and duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. A sealed package was delivered to the ballot clerks by the Town Clerk which on being opened was found to contain four hundred ballots. The polls were then declared open. Voted that the polls be closed at 4.30 P.M. At 1.30 P.M. the first block of ballots was taken from the ballot-box, and ~~John D. Blake, Michael F. Manning~~ and Frederick S. Lydiard having been appointed assistant ballot clerks, the work of counting was begun. Polls were closed at 4.30 P.M. The check lists used by the Town Clerk and ballot clerks showed that 241 ballots had been cast. The register on the ballot box showed 239, and as it had been noted that the mechanism had twice failed to register, the tally was declared perfect. The result of the balloting was as follows.

Electors of President and Vice President.
 Chapin and Watkins (Prohibition) 0
 at large John M. Fisher, Edward Kendall

By Districts, 1. Thomas A. Frissell, 2. Oliver W. Cott,
 3. Harvey S. Cowell, 4 John Holt, 5. John B. Lewis,
 6. Willard O. Wylie, 7. Charles E. McCollay
 8. Alfred J. Wright, 9. Henry C. Russell, 10 Aaron
 L. Woodruff, 11. John Morgan, 12. Solon W. Bingham
 13. John A. Nicholls, 14 Albert J. Orem, 15 David
 Morrison, 16 Edwin S. Paulding.

Debs and Seidel (Socialist) 0
 at large Fred Tepper Daniel A. White.

By Districts, 1. Wilfred Griffin, 2. Charles C. Hitch-
 cock, 3. Robert Lawrence, 4 Charles E. Fenner,
 5. William J. Carroll, 6. James F. Carey, 7. Ambrose
 Miles, 8. John Tiefenthal, jr, 9. John D. Williams,
 10. Fred B. Chase, 11 George Roemer, Sen. 12 Samuel
 P. Levenberg, 13 Adam Langill, 14 Joel Thebadeau
 15. John W. Sawyer, 16 Arthur V. Harriman.

Reimer and Gillhaus (Socialist Labor) 0
 at large Robert Bateson, Moritz E. Ruther.

By Districts 1. Herman Koepke 2. Frederick A.
 Nagler, 3. John A. Anderson, 4. Joseph Jiskra
 5. Lars P. Nelson, 6. Thomas F. Brennan
 7. Fred C. Celcher, 8. Peter O'Rourke, 9. Ernest
 J. B. Gabarino, 10. Charles J. Svenson, 11. Henry
 C. Hess, 12. Ferdinand Houtenbrink, jr, 13 Joseph
 P. Foley, 14. Patrick H. Loftus, 15. George R. Rigby,
 16. James W. Holden.

Roosevelt and Johnson (Progressive) 66
 at large James P. Magenis, Cassius A. Ward.

By Districts 1. Cornelius C. Cook, 2. J. Frank Drake
 3. Frederick Fosdick, 4. Frank J. Quist, 5. Lewis
 D. Apsley, 6 Nelson B. Clark, 7. Lynn M. Ranger,
 8. Lawrence G. Brooks, 9 Eugene H. Cox, 10 Jerome

A. Petitti. 11 Arthur D. Hill. 12. Elihu D. Stone.
 13. Norman Marshall. 14. Charles S. Millet. 15 Robert A.
 Dean. 16. Frank C. Ramsdell.

Taft and Sherman (Republican). 110

at large Rufus D. Adams. David F. Dillon.

By Districts 1. William A. Burns. 2. Walter S. Robinson
 3. George P. Wallace. 4 James Logan. 5. Harry G.
 Pollard. 6. Alfred C. Lyons. 7. C. Neal Barney.
 8. Everett C. Benton. 9. Frank M. Sawtell. 10 James
 W. H. Myrick. 11. Frank Vogel. 12. Moses S. Lowrie
 13. J. Henry Gleason. 14 Harace A. Keith. 15. Alfred
 B. Williams. 16 Joseph Walsh.

Wilson and Marshall (Democratic). 58

at large John W. Cummings. William A. Gaston.

By Districts. 1. Daniel F. Loherty. 2. Edward H.
 Lathrop 3. Frank H. Pope. 4. John F. Meaney.
 5. J. Joseph O'Connor 6. Charles A. Russell
 7. Walter H. Creamer. 8. Thomas C. Dwyer.
 9. James H. Malone. 10. John J. Mahoney.
 11. Joseph H. O'Neil. 12. James F. Powers.
 13. Charles B. Strecker. 14 Albion C. Drinkwater
 15. Thomas F. Higgins. 16 George M. Harlow.

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Governor.		Lieutenant Governor	
Charles S. Bird	61	Daniel Cosgrove	44
Eugene N. Foss	60	Alfred H. Evans	0
Patrick Mulligan	0	Robert Luce	113
Frank N. Rand	0	Robert B. Martin	0
Roland D. Sawyer	0	Dennis M. Goff	0
Joseph Walker	101	David F. Walsh	65
Blanks	19	Blanks	19

Secretary		Treasurer	
Frank J. Donahue	48	Charles A. Chace	2
Ellen Hayes	0	David Craig	1
Albert P. Langtry	116	Eldon B. Keith	43
Karl Lindstrand	0	Joseph L. P. St. Coeur	44
William W. Nash	0	Elmer A. Stevens	116
Russell A. Wood	47	Louis F. Weiss	0
Blanks	30	Blanks	35

Auditor		Attorney General	
James F. Carens	46	George W. Anderson.	51
Herbert B. Griffin	0	Frank Bohmbach	0
Octave A. La Riviere	46	Freeman T. Crommett	0
Sylvester J. Mc Bride	0	H. Huestis Newton	46
Jeremiah P. McVally	0	George E. Roewer, Jr.	0
John E. White.	115	James M. Swift.	113
Blanks	34	Blanks	31

Congressman.		Councillor	
William J. Carroll	0	Henry G. Burke	0
William N. Osgood	38	John J. Hogan	47
Humphrey O'Sullivan	58	Harle C. Hunter	44
John Jacob Rogers	125	G. Frederick Simpson	116
Blanks	20	Blanks	34

Senator		Representative in Gen. Court.	
Edward Fisher	62	James William Byron	54
John C. Macy	38	Edward Bailey Caiger	48
Alonso G. Walsh	110	Frederick W. Eaton	115
Blanks	31	Blanks.	24

County Commissioners		County Treasurer	
Winthrop H. Fairbank	55	Nicholas H. Flynn	130
Robert J. Kelley.	0	Joseph O. Hayden	42
Chester B. Williams	143	Thomas F. Royle	67
Blanks.	43	Blanks	

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, disqualifying from voting persons convicted of certain offenses, be approved and ratified?

Yes	94
No	32
Blanks	115

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of wild or forest lands, be approved and ratified?

Yes	94
No	27
Blanks	120

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An Act relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns," be accepted?

Yes	61
No	69
Blanks.	111

Town Clerks' Meeting.

Vote of Middlesex District No 13 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said district, held at Concord, November 15th, 1912, at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Weston	Total.
James William Byron of Concord	54	341	58	46	130	46	675
Edward Bailey Gaiger of Concord	48	210	31	39	80	86	494
Frederick W. Eaton of Concord	115	395	104	113	209	262	1198
Blanks	24	60	21	22	62	26	215
	241	1006	214	220	481	420	2582

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Frederick W. Eaton of Concord and signed by
 Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk of Bedford
 William D. Cross, Asst. Town Clerk of Concord
 George L. Chapin, Town Clerk of Lincoln
 Frank F. Gerry, Town Clerk of Sudbury
 Daniel Brackett, Town Clerk of Wayland
 George W. Cutting, Town Clerk of Weston

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was forwarded to the Representative elect.

Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Monday, March 3, 1913
Middlesex SS.

To Either of the Constables of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Monday, the third day of March, next, at 6.30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide upon.

Art. 3. To vote on the question viz: Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town of Bedford? Yes or No.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up Attested Copies, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days, at least, before the time of said Meeting.

And if fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.

Sherman G. Rich

Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

February 21, 1913.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also at the Post Office on February 21, 1913.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford.

Doings at Town Meeting, March 3rd, 1913.
 Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Voted: To take up article 2 and 3 at this time and that the polls be now open for the choice of

- 1 Selectman for three years
 - 1 Assessor of Taxes for three years
 - 1 Overseer of the Poor for three years
 - 1 Town Treasurer
 - 1 Collector of Taxes
 - 2 Auditors
 - 1 Water Commissioner for three years
 - 1 Member of School Committee for three years
 - 1 Surveyor of Highways
 - 1 Trustee of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation for four years.
 - 1 Member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for three years.
 - 1 Park Commissioner for three years.
 - 1 Tree Warden, 3 Fence Viewers
 - 5 Constables
 - 1 Overseer of the Poor for unexpired term, 2 years
- and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter and that the polls be kept open until 5.35 P. M.

Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for voting on the question:— Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Result of Ballot was as follows:-

Selectman for 3 years	Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	S.
Assessor of Taxes for 3 years	Willis G. Lane	S.
Overseer of the Poor	{ Charles E. Williams, for 3 years	S.
	{ Herbert L. Clark, for 2 years	S.
Auditors	{ Winfield M. Brown	S.
	{ Nathan H. Daniels, Jr.	S.
Town Treasurer	George Arthur Skelton	S.
Collector of Taxes	A. Elmer Blake	S.
Water Commissioner, for 3 years	Henry D. Lyons	S.
Member of School Committee, for 3 yrs.	Martha S. Mason	
Surveyor of Highways	David L. B. Fitch	S.
Library Trustee, for 4 years	Charles W. Jenks	
Member of Cemetery Committee, for 3 yrs.	Abbott R. Webber	
Tree Warden	Charles W. Jenks	S.
Park Commissioner, for 3 years	Elihu G. Loomis	
	{ Irving L. Hodgdon	S.
Fence Viewers	{ David L. B. Fitch	S.
	{ Charles H. Clark	
	{ Edward P. Kelley	S.
	{ A. Elmer Blake	S.
Constables	{ Edward Walsh	S.
	{ William J. McLaughlin	
	{ Charles D. Phillips	S.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large:-

Surveyors of Lumber		
William Thompson	Daniel E. Haynes	Quincy S. Cole
Oliver J. Lane	Herbert L. Clark	Roger W. Brown
C. Willard Plastridge	Charles H. Clark	
Field Drivers		
William H. Mudge	Harry Frederick Waite	
Pound Keeper		

Article 3 The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford?

Yes - 125

No - 98

Warrant for Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 5, 1913.
Middlesex SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Wednesday, the fifth day of March, next, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant:-

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear the reports of Committees and Town Officers and act on the same.
- Art. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 4. To see what method the Town ~~will~~ adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 8. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.
- Art. 9. To see in what manner the Town will vote to

observe Memorial Day.

- Art. 10. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Patriotic Meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th day of April, 1913.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Fire Companies for their annual ball.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Street Lights on the Great Road to the Lexington line, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to install on the Back Common an electric light near the School House, raise and appropriate money for that purpose.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will rescind its vote requiring a separate appropriation for text-books and supplies, and combine the same with the regular School Appropriation.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) to be spent on the Back Common to make a suitable approach to the Union School, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.) to paint and make needed repairs on the School House, or do

anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 521 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts of the year 1912, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) to reimburse its trust funds received for the care of cemetery lots and grounds, and will issue notes or bonds therefor payable at periods not exceeding ten years from the date of issue, as authorized by Chapter 521 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1912, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to sell at once the windmill on the School House land, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) for the construction of an extension of the Town Water System to the property of Wallace H. Goldsmith on Concord Road, as recommended by the Board of Water Commissioners, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to repair fifteen hundred feet of highway with crushed stone on Page Road between the Nathan H. Daniels and William H. Wright property, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.) to be used with a like sum appropriated by the State Moth Department to purchase a new spraying machine,

or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.) the money to be spent on the Billerica Road, so-called in continuing the building of Stone Road, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will take any action on the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider the present methods of keeping Town accounts, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.) to macadamize Hartford Street and Crescent Avenue, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) to repair the Fire Engine House, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) to provide an heating plant at the Town's Alms House, or do anything in regard to the same.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) to continue the work of macadamizing Carlisle Road, said sum to be used in connection with a like sum to be appropriated by the State Highway Commission, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to print in the Annual Town Report a list of taxable property in the Town of Bedford, its valuation, and taxes

laid by the Board of Assessors for the year ending February 1st, 1914, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 32 To see if the Town will vote to extend the electric lights on the Billerica Road, so-called, to the Billerica line, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to be expended by the Directors of the Civic Club, on Page Field, for Parallel Bars, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 34 To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the services of a salaried police officer during the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days, at least, before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make true returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
Sherman G. Rich } Bedford.

Middlesex SS. February 21, 1913.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office on February 21, 1913.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford.

Doings at Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 5th, 1913
at 8 P.M.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the Town officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report with the Treasurer's report amended to show a net debt of \$60,600. Also the Selectmen's report on guide posts and guide boards. The Committee to whom was referred Article 18 of the Town Warrant of 1912 reported no action necessary by the Town.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools and School Supplies	\$ 7,040.
Roads and Bridges	4,400.
Incidentals and Moving Snow	4,500.
Support of Poor	1,000.
Fire Department	800.
Street Light	2,000.

(This amount to cover extra expense of
change from Moonlight to Every Night Schedule)

Sidewalks, 400 from Appropriation for Highways	
Public Library	250.
Cemetery, unexpended balance (621.15) and	200.
Old Burying Ground	50.
Memorial Day	125.
Interest	800.
Bonds	40.
Weights and Measures	50.
Hydrants	1,000.
Tree Warden, unexpended balance (74.81) and	100.
Discount on Taxes	1,000.
Lowell Industrial School	1,000.
Previously appropriated of tax levy of 1913.	
Old Home Week	600.
Carlisle Bridge	125.
Lowell Industrial School	500.

Incidentals and Moving Snow (Insurance of Town Employees) \$400.
Gypsy and Brown-Tail North Wark 667.80

Art. 4. Voted that of the \$4,400. appropriated for Roads and Bridges, \$2,000. shall be spent in the Center District, this amount to include \$400. for Sidewalks, \$1,000 in the East District, \$1,000 in the West District, and \$400. in the South District.

Art. 5. Voted that single poll taxes be payable on demand: on all other taxes, if one-half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1913, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in January, 1914, a deduction of six per cent be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly the whole tax be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum be collected, provided however, that when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1913, interest be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday in January, 1914. The compensation for the collection of taxes be two per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 6. Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art. 7. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1913, to an amount not exceeding ^{in the aggregate} \$16,000., and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

- Art. 8. Voted that the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the library.
- Art. 9. Voted that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- Art. 10. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society on or about April 19th.
- Art. 11. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Fire Companies for their annual ball.
- Art. 13. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars for Hydrant Service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to Interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.
- Art. 14. Voted that the Town do instruct the Selectmen to have lights placed on the poles to make the line complete to Lexington line, and that the money for the same be taken from money appropriated for Street Lights.
- Art. 15. Voted to install on the Back Common an electric light near the school house, money for that purpose to be taken from the appropriation for Street Lights.
- Art. 16. Voted that the Town rescind its vote requiring a separate appropriation for Text Books and Supplies, and combine the same with the regular School appropriation.
- Art. 17. Voted that this article be referred to the Public Buildings Committee with instructions to report at or before the next annual meeting.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate, Three Hundred Dollars to paint and make needed repairs on the school house.

Art. 19. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 521 of the Acts of the General Court of this Commonwealth of the year 1912.

Art. 20. It was unanimously voted that a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of reimbursing certain trust funds received for the care of cemetery lots and grounds in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 521 of the Acts of the General Court of this Commonwealth of the year 1912, to borrow the same and to issue notes or bonds therefor payable in ten successive equidistant annual payments of one thousand dollars each, except that the last payment shall be the amount of the balance of said loan, the first of said payments to be made one year and the last of said payments to be made ten years from the date of issuing of said notes or bonds; such notes or bonds shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four and one-half percent per annum and shall be sold or disposed of in such manner and upon such terms ~~and~~ the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine. Such notes or bonds shall state upon their face that they are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts.

Art. 21. The School Committee reported that the windmill on the school house grounds had already been sold, and this article was passed.

- Art. 22 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the construction of an extension of the Town Water System to the property of Wallace H. Goldsmith on Concord Road.
- Art. 23. Voted to repair with crushed stone Page Road between the Nathan H. Daniels and William H. Wright property, and to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Art. 24. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars to be used with a like sum appropriated by the State Moth Department to purchase a new spraying machine.
- Art. 25. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars, the money to be spent on the Billerica Road, so called, in continuing the building of stone road, any balance remaining on account of assistance that may be received from State or County to go back to Town treasury.
- Art. 26. The report of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting to consider methods of keeping Town accounts was read.
Voted to amend this report by exempting the Water Department from the recommendations of the committee.
- Voted that the report as amended be laid on the table.
- Art. 27. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to macadamize Hartford Street and Crescent Avenue.
- Art. 28. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to repair the fire engine house.
- Art. 29. Voted that the Town raise and appro-

appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to provide an heating plant at the Town's alms house

Art. 30. A motion, duly made and seconded, to continue the work of macadamizing Earlisle Road was lost.

Art. 31 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to print in the Annual Town Report a list of Taxable Property, in the Town of Bedford, its Valuation, and Taxes Laid by the Board of Assessors for the Year ending February 1st, 1914.

Art. 32. Voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen to install six electric lights on Billerica Road, so called, from the Driveway of Fisher Ames to the residence of Roger W. Brown, amount necessary for the work to be taken from the appropriation for street lights.

Art. 33. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 34. It was moved and seconded that the Town dispense with the services of a salaried police officer during the ensuing year, the vote to be taken by Yes and No ballot and the use of the check list.

The result of the ballot was as follows:-

Yes, - 75.

No, - 104.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest, Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Saturday, April 12, 1913.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday, the twelfth day of April next, at 6 o'clock A. M., at which time the polls will be open and they ~~will~~ be kept open until sunset, then and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant.

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect one Selectman for the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of Sherman G. Rich.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of April, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

Bedford, April 4, 1913.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on April 4, 1913, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford

Doings at Town Meeting, April 12th, 1913.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 6 A.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. The polls were immediately opened for the choice of one Selectman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sherman G. Rich, and they were kept open until sundown (6.22 P.M.). On closing the polls, Nathan H. Daniels and Charles E. Williams were appointed to serve as tellers and were duly sworn. The result of the balloting was as follows.

215 votes had been cast.

David C. Cutler received 129

Albert R. Bacon received 76

George H. Sweetnam received 10

David C. Cutler was declared elected and the meeting adjourned.

On April 14th, David C. Cutler was duly qualified to enter upon his duties as Selectman.

Attest:-

Abbott W. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 4, 1913.
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote
in elections and in Town Affairs to meet
in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Wednesday
the fourth day of June, 1913, at 8 o'clock
P.M., then and there to act on the following
articles of the Town Warrant.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said
meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of sixty (\$60.00) dollars
to provide for the payments of bonds
for the Treasurer and Tax Collector as
recommended by the Auditors.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of three thou-
sand (\$3,000.) dollars to be used in
connection with a like sum appropriated
by the Massachusetts Highway Commission
to complete the stone road on the
Carlisle Road, and authorize the Town
Treasurer to borrow with the approval
of the Selectmen the sum of three
thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for that
purpose, payable as follows: - One note
for five hundred (\$500.) dollars payable
in 1914, one note for five hundred (\$500.)
dollars payable in 1915, one note for
one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars payable in
1916 and one note for one thousand (\$1,000.)
dollars payable in 1917; or do anything
in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of May, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
O. Pfeiffer, Jr.	
David C. Cutler	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office as within directed.

Bedford, Mass., May 27, 1913.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Doing at Town Meeting, Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Voted that the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00) be raised in the tax levy of 1913 and added to the appropriation for bonds for the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer.

Art. 3. A motion of Mr. Hodgdon, duly seconded, to appropriate three thousand dollars to macadamize the Carlisle Road, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the same, giving the notes of the Town therefor, was lost by a vote of 15 to 9, a two-thirds vote being necessary.
Voted to adjourn

Warrant for Town Meeting, July 7, 1913.
Middlesex SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in said county qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday, July 7, 1913, at 8 o'clock P.M. there and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to build a new barn at the Bedford Town Farm

Art. 3.

appoint a committee for that purpose, also to raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry on the special work of the gypsy and brown-tail moth work, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of June, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
David C. Cutler } Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1913, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., June 28, 1913.

Doing's at Town Meeting, July 7, 1913

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon

Article 1 Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn

Art. 2 Voted that the Town do rebuild the barn at the Town Farm.

Voted (yes, 31 - No, 0) that the sum of \$3300. be appropriated for this purpose, of which amount \$900, the amount of insurance, shall be taken from the Town Treasury and \$2400. shall be borrowed by the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, giving a note of the Town therefor, payable in three years. The money shall be expended under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor

Art. 3. Voted that the Gypsy Moth Commission be and hereby are authorized to use a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars from the Town Treasury for the purpose of carrying on private work of exterminating noxious insects

Voted to adjourn.

A true ^{Record} copy. Attest.

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept. 6, 1913.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Saturday, the 6th day of September, 1913, at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- " 2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of the vote passed at a Town Meeting held July 7, 1913, under Article 2 to raise and appropriate money for building barn at Town Farm, or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 3. To see what method the Town will adopt to raise and appropriate money to build barn at Town Farm or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of money to be raised in anticipation of taxes for the present year \$4000., making the total amount \$20,000., or do anything in relation to the same.
- " 5. To see if the Town will vote to use official ballots in future elections of Town officers in accordance with Sec. 432 of Chapter 835 of the Acts of 1913, or do anything in relation thereto.
- " 6. To see if the Town, if it votes to use official ballots, will also elect on same ballot a Moderator, a Surveyor of Highways, and Fence Viewers for one year, one member of

the Cemetery Committee for one year, or any other Town officers, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of August 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford.
Emmanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	
David C. Cutler	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on August 28, 1913, as within directed

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford
Bedford, Mass., Aug. 30, 1913.

Doings at Town Meeting, September 6th, 1913.
Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Voted that the Town do rescind that part of the vote passed at a Town Meeting held July 7, 1913, under Article 2, to raise and appropriate money for building barn at Town Farm, ~~or do anything in relation to the same~~

Art. 3. Voted to take \$900., the amount of insurance ^{from Town Treasury}, and \$2400. from the sinking fund of the present year to pay the debt incurred by building the barn at the Town Farm.

Art. 4. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1913, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$4000. in addition to the sum heretofore authorized, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town shall use official ballots for the election of Town Officers in accordance with Sec. 432 of Chap. 835 of the Acts of 1913.

Art. 6. Voted that the Town shall also choose by the official ballot a Moderator for 1 year, a Surveyor of Highways for 1 year, two or more Fence Viewers for 1 year, a tree warden for 1 year, a member of the Cemetery Committee for 3 years, a Park Commissioner for 3 years.
Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for State Primary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall, Bedford, Mass. on Tuesday, the Twenty-third Day of September, 1913, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor	for this Commonwealth
Lieutenant Governor	" " "
Secretary of the Commonwealth	" " "
Treasurer and Receiver General	" " "
Auditor of the Commonwealth	" " "
Attorney-General	" " "
Councillor	for 6 th Councillor District
Senator	" 7 th Senatorial "
Representative in General Court	13 th Representative "
County Commissioner	Middlesex County
Two Associate Commissioners	Middlesex County
District Attorney	Middlesex District
Register of Probate and Insolvency	Middlesex County
Register of Deeds	Middlesex County Southern Dist. (To fill vacancy)

And for the Election of the following officers:

District Member of State Committee for each political party for the 7th Senatorial District.

Members of the Democratic Town Committee

Members of the Republican Town Committee

Members of the Progressive Party Town Committee

Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.
And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting attested copies thereof eight days
at least before the time of said meeting as
directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this
warrant with your doings thereon at the
time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth
day of August, A.D. 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. }
David C. Cutler } Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by
posting up attested copies of same on August
28th, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelly,
Constable of Bedford.

State Primaries, September 23, 1913.

Meeting called to order at 2 P.M. by Town
Clerk, who read the warrant and the
return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P.
Ladd, John D. Blake and Edward Walsh
were appointed to serve as ballot clerks
and were duly sworn. Ballot box was opened
and found to be empty. Sealed packets were
delivered to the ballot clerks, who opened them
and found that they contained ballots of the
various political parties. The polls were
then declared open. At 8 P.M. the polls
were closed, and A. Elmer Blake having been
appointed to assist, the work of counting
was begun. Result of balloting was as
follows:-

Governor

Republican		Democratic		Progressive	
E. C. Benton	44	D. J. Walsh	8	C. S. Bird	5
A. P. Gardner	101	Blanks	0	Blanks	0
Blanks	4				

Lieutenant Governor

A. H. Goetting	121	E. P. Barry	2	L. Cosgrove	5
Blanks	28	R. H. Long	5	Blanks	0
		Blanks	1		

Secretary

W. S. Kinney	110	F. J. Donahue	6	R. A. Wood	5
Blanks	39	Blanks	2	Blanks	0

Treasurer

C. L. Burrill	85	F. W. Mansfield	3	W. R. Keith	5
M. Kane	22	J. L. P. St. Coeur	3	Blanks	0
Blanks	42	Blanks	2		

Auditor

J. E. White	107	F. H. Pope	6	O. A. La Rivière	4
Blanks	42	Blanks	2	Blanks	0

Councillor

G. F. Simpson	97	J. J. Hogan	4	H. C. Hunter	5
Blanks	52	Blanks	4	Blanks	0

Attorney General

J. M. Swift	114	H. J. Boynton	6	H. H. Newton	5
Blanks	35	Blanks	2	Blanks	0

Senator

O. Reither	97	C. Fisher	7	F. S. Lydiard	1
Blanks	52	Blanks	1	W. F. Belcher	1
				Blanks	3

Representative in General Court

O. Pfeiffer, Jr.	94	J. W. Byron	7	G. H. Clarke	2
Blanks	55	Blanks	1	J. S. Hart	3
				A. F. J. Lang	0
				Blanks	0

Rep.		Dem.		Prog.
E. B. Barlow	39.	County Commissioner		
F. P. Barnes	8.	J. B. McCloskey	0	C. H. McIntire 5
J. W. Bowers	3.	F. H. Rourke	2	Blanks 0
G. H. Jennings	11.	H. J. Thompson	0	
F. A. Patch	47.	W. H. Walsh	5	
J. Wilson	1.	Blanks	1	
Blanks	40.			

Associate Commissioners				
L. Pfeiffer	1.	Blanks	8	Chas. Atkins 2.
C. W. Blake	1			F. F. Cook 1.
E. B. Barlow	2			J. Kirkegaard 1.
F. P. Barnes	2			Albert F. Parker 1.
J. Wilson	1			P. M. Clark 3.
W. L. Skene	1			Blanks 2.
Blanks	95			

District Attorney				
J. J. Higgins	105.	W. J. Corcoran	3	P. M. Clark 3.
Blanks	44.	W. R. Scharton	1	Blanks 2
		Blanks	4	

Register of Probate and Insolvency				
W. E. Rogers	104	J. T. Barrett	4	Blanks 5
Blanks	48	Blanks	4	

Register of Deeds				
T. Leighton	105	J. F. Facey	3	A. M. Richards 3
Blanks	44	Blanks	5	Blanks 2

State Committee				
L. Pfeiffer	87	M. F. Manning	1	O. McLeod 4
S. G. Rich	1	Blanks	7	Blanks 1
R. A. Whittier	1			
Blanks	60			

Delegate to State Convention

J. G. Rich

105

G. F. Piper 1

F. S. Lydiard 5

Blanks

44

M. F. Manning 1

G. H. Sweetnam 5

Blanks 6

F. F. Cook 5

Town Committee

L. Pfeiffer

95

Fred Sullivan 5

F. S. Lydiard 5

J. G. Rich

111

John C. English 3

J. Kirkegaard 5

C. W. Blake

109

M. M. M. Gann 4

F. F. Cook 5

L. D. Whittemore

107

John Walsh 1

G. H. Sweetnam 5

A. R. Bacon

109

G. F. Piper 2

H. Christiansen 5

R. A. Whittier

3

Edward Walsh 4

J. C. P. Riese 5

J. H. Williams

2

Michael English 3

R. K. Whitton

1

M. F. Manning 1

G. M. Dimond

1

G. A. Skelton

1

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 4, 1913.

Middlesex SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at 6 o'clock A. M. at which time the polls will be open and they must be kept open at least four hours and as much longer as the meeting may decide to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for the election of a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts, a Councillor for the sixth Councillor District, a Senator for the seventh Senatorial District, a Representative for the General Court from the thirteenth Middlesex District, a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, an Associate Commissioner, a District Attorney, a Register of ~~Probate~~ and Insolvency, a Register of Deeds County of Middlesex Southern District to fill vacancy caused by death of Edwin O. Childs ending the first Wednesday of January 1917; also to vote on the following questions, viz.:

An amendment to the Constitution making women eligible to appointment as Notary Public, Chapter 28, Resolves of 1913

An amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Referendum, Chapter 116, Resolves of 1913.

Acceptance of Chapter 807, Acts of 1913, entitled, "An Act to Provide for Com-

compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment."

All the above to be voted on one ballot
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of October, 1913.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Emmanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Widdowes S.S.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, October 25th, 1913, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford,
Bedford, Mass., October 25th, 1913.

Doings at State Election, Nov. 4, 1913.

Meeting called to order at 6. A. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, Charles A. Williams, and Michael L. English were appointed to serve as ballot clerks and were duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and found to be empty. The keys were then delivered to the Constable in attendance. A sealed packet was delivered to the ballot clerks which was opened and found to contain four hundred ballots. The polls were then declared open. At 4.25 P.M. the first block of ballots was taken from the box and Frederick S. Lydiard, Sherman G. Rich and Michael F. Manning having been appointed to assist the ballot clerks and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun.

Voted to close the polls at 4.30 P.M.

Voted to extend the time before closing the polls until 5. P.M.

At 5 P.M. the polls were closed.

Result of balloting was as follows;—

Governor

Charles Sumner Bird	Repressive,	63
Alfred H. Evans	Prohibition,	1
Eugene H. Foss	Independent,	11
Augustus P. Gardner	Republican	104
Arthur C. Reimer	Socialist Labor	0
David J. Walsh	Democratic	60
George H. Wenn	Socialist	0

Lieutenant Governor

Edward V. Barry	Dem.	56
Daniel Cosgrove	Progressive	64
August H. Goetting	Rep.	108
Albert J. Orem	Prohibition	4
Peter O'Rourke	Soc. Labor	0
George C. Roemer, Jr.	Soc.	1

Secretary

Frank J. Donahue	Dem.	58
William S. Kinney	Rep.	98
John A. Nicholls	Prohibition	2
Fred C. Pelcher	Soc. Labor	0
Ella M. Roberts	Soc.	1
Russell A. Wood	Progressive	61

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill	Rep.	105
Charles C. Fenner	Soc.	0
Thomas A. Frissell	Prohibition	3
Warren R. Keith	Progressive	56
Frederick W. Mansfield	Dem.	53
Dennis M. Toff	Soc. Labor	0

Auditor

Herbert S. Brown,	Prohibition	2	Samuel P. Larenberg, S.-O
David Craig	Soc. Labor	2	Frank H. Pope, D.
Octave A. La Riviere,	Progressive	59	John C. White, R.
			105

Attorney General

Thomas J. Boynton	Dem	51
Freeman T. Crommett	Prohibition	1
John M ^c Carty	Soc.	1
H. Huestis Newton	Progressive	57
Ongren Paulson	Soc. Labor	0
James M. Swift	Rep.	105

Councillor

John J. Hogan	Dem.	48
Harrie C. Hunter	Prog.	60
G. Frederick Simpson	Rep.	106

Senator

William F. Belcher	Prog.	56
Edward Fisher	Dem.	67
Otto Reither	Rep.	93

Representative in General Court

James William Byron	Dem.	28
Joseph S. Hart	Prog.	71
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	Rep.	123

County Commissioner

Erson B. Barlow	Rep.	93
John B. McCloskey	Dem.	41
Charles H. McIntire	Prog.	78

Associate Commissioners

Charles W. Atkins	Prog.	40
Frederick P. Barnes	Rep.	94
John J. Butler	Dem.	37
George W. Enwright	Dem.	33
Edwin P. Fitzgerald	Rep.	62
Albert F. Parker	Prog.	47

District Attorney

Philip W. Clark	Prog.	52
William J. Corcoran	Dem.	43
John J. Higgins	Rep.	113

Register of Probate and Insolvency

James T. Barrett	Dem.	46
William E. Rogers	Rep.	155

Register of Deeds

J. Frank Facey	Dem.	50
Thomas Leighton, Jr.	Rep.	102
Alvin M. Richards	Prog.	56

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, making women eligible to appointment as notaries public, be approved and ratified?

Yes 81
No 88

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, authorizing the referendum, be approved and ratified?

Yes 90
No 52

Shall chapter 807 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, being an act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment, and to exempt from legal liability counties and municipal corporations which pay such compensation, be accepted by the inhabitants of this county?

Yes 108
No 45

Warrant for Town Meeting November 15, 1913
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in
said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby directed to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the said Bedford qualified by law
to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet
in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday
the 15th day of November next at 8 o'clock P.M.
then and there to act on the following
articles in the Town Warrant viz.:-

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of any Committees and
act on the same.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-
propriate the sum of seven hundred dollars
(\$700.) for the use of the School Committee during
the present financial year or do anything in
relation to the same.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate
the sum of seven hundred and sixteen dollars
and thirty-eight cents (\$716.38) for the gypsy
and brown-tail moth work for the ensuing year
as required by law.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up attested copies of the same, one
at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall
eight days at least before the time for holding
said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of
your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or
before the time and place for holding said
meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of October, 1913

Iring S. Hodgdon } Selectmen
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. }
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford, Mass., Oct. 29, 1913.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Oct. 29, 1913.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

Town Clerks' Meeting.....

Vote of Middlesex District No. 13 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said district, held at Concord, November 14th, 1913 at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Weston	Wayland	Total
James William Byron	28	307	25	27	32	113	532
Joseph S. Hart	71	234	117	52	116	112	702
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	123	339	38	78	181	163	922
Blanks	19	41	9	8	19	34	130
	<u>241</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>2286</u>

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. of Bedford and signed by
 Abbott R. Webber Town Clerk of Bedford
 William D. Cross " " " Concord
 Geo. L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
 Frank F. Gerry " " " Sudbury
 George W. Cutting " " " Weston
 Daniel Brackett " " " Wayland

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was forwarded to the Representative elect.

Attest:

Abbott R. Webber,

Town Clerk of Bedford.

Doings at Town Meeting, November 15, 1913.

Meeting called to order Sat 8 P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. There were no Committees to report.

Art. 3. Voted that the subject matter of this article be laid on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$716.38 from the tax levy of 1914 for the gypsy and brown-tail moth work for the ensuing year.

Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting Saturday, January 10, 1914.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday the 10th day of January, 1914 at 7.30 o'clock P.M. there and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to release its interest in the lot of land conveyed to it by Lucy P. Hartwell by deed dated October 21, 1909 and recorded with middlesex south district deeds, Book 3481, Page 178, said conveyance having been made upon the condition that the

- engine house be moved thereon before May 1, 1910.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics to cause an audit of the Town Accounts to be made in accordance with the provision of Chapter 598 of the Acts of 1910 and amendments thereof.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1910 providing for the selection of a Town Accountant.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 635 of the Acts of 1912 known as the tenement house act for towns.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee for the purpose of considering the adoption of by-laws in relation to building laws or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to elect or appoint a Committee to report at the next regular March Town Meeting in regard to a revision of the salaries of the various Town officers, in regard to an increase in the salaries paid them, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of the vote passed at the Town meeting held September 6, 1913, whereby they voted to place on the Official Ballot the Highway Surveyor.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to omit to choose a Highway Surveyor at the next regular election of Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk

at or before the time and place of said meeting.
 Given under our hands this 2nd day of January,
 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
 David C. Cutler } Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant
 by posting attested copies of same, one
 at the Town Hall and one at the Post
 Office on January 2, 1914, as directed.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford,

Bedford, Mass.

Jan. 7, 1914.

Doings at Town Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10, 1914.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P.M. by the Town
 Clerk who read the warrant and the doings of the
 Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as moderator
 and was duly sworn.

Art. 2. Whereas Lucy P. Hartwell did by deed dated
 Oct. 21, 1909, and recorded with Middlesex So.
 Dist. Deeds, Book 3481 page 178, convey to the
 Town a certain parcel of land upon the express
 condition that the engine house should be
 moved thereon before May 1, 1910 all as set
 forth in said deed, and whereas the Town
 has failed to comply with the terms of
 said deed and has never fulfilled the
 condition therein contained, now be it

Voted, - That the Town hereby releases all its
 interest in the said parcel of land being
 the land conveyed to the Town by Lucy P.
 Hartwell by deed dated Oct. 21, 1909, and recorded
 with Middlesex So. Dist Deeds, Book 3481 page

178, and the Selectmen of the Town are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to execute, ~~said~~, acknowledge and deliver a good and sufficient deed of release of said parcel of land to the said Lucy P. Hartwell or those claiming under her for the nominal consideration of one dollar.

Art. 3. Voted, - That the Town hereby petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit of the Town's accounts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 598, Acts of 1910, and amendments thereof, said audit to be of such a character as will enable a statement to be made showing the financial condition of the Town at the close of the last financial year.

Art. 4. Voted, - That the Town adopt the provisions of Chapter 624 of the acts of 1910, providing for the selection of a Town accountant.

Art. 5. Voted, - To accept Chapter 635 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1912 and acts in amendment thereof.

Art. 6. Voted, - That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the question of the adoption of by-laws in relation to building laws and report at the annual meeting.
Committee appointed; - Geo. R. Blinn, Nathan H. Daniels, D. C. Perkins.

Art. 7. Voted, - That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the question of a revision of the salaries of the the various Town officers and report at the annual Town Meeting.

Committee appointed; - Irving L. Hodgdon, Charles H. Clark, and Winfield M. Brown.

Art. 8. A motion to rescind that part of the vote passed at a Town Meeting held Sept. 6,

1913, whereby it was voted that the Highway Surveyor be placed on the official ballot was lost.

Art. 9. A motion, duly made and seconded, that the Town vote to omit to choose a Highway Surveyor and rescind any previous vote or votes referring to Highway Surveyors was lost by a vote of 10 Ayes to 31 Nos.

Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24, 1914.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said county, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday the 24th day of January, 1914, at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to omit to choose a Highway Surveyor at the next regular election of Town officers and instead will vote to choose a Board of three Road Commissioners or a Board of Public Works to have supervision over the roads: to be voted on by ballot and check list to be used at said meeting, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of the vote passed at the Town Meeting held September 6, 1913, whereby they voted to place on the official ballot the Highway Surveyor, and instead to place on the

official ballot the names of the three Road Commissioners or Members of the Board of Public Works, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.) to be used only in connection with the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.) from the Massachusetts Highway Commissioners for the purpose of completing road construction on the Carlisle Road, provided the Massachusetts Highway Commission will contribute toward the completion of the North Road for which the Town has appropriated the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.) and toward which the County Commissioners have agreed to contribute one third of total cost, not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.) from the County, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of January, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon }
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Butler } of Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Jan. 16, 1914, as within directed.

Edward V. Kelley, Constable of Bedford.
Bedford, Mass., Jan 16, 1914.

Doings at Town Meeting, Saturday, January 24, 1914.

Meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn.

Voted: To take up Article 4.

Art. 4. Voted (Yes, 85 - No, 5): That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.) to be used with a like amount contributed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the completion of the repair of the Carlisle road; that \$1000 be included in the tax levy of the present year, 1914, and that the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the balance, \$2000., and that notes for the same be issued, \$1000. payable in one year and \$1000. payable in two years; no part of said sum of money to be expended unless the sum of three thousand dollars is contributed by the Mass. Highway Commission for the completion of the repair of the Carlisle road and unless the Mass. Highway Commission and the County of Middlesex will contribute enough money to finish the Billerica road to the line.

Voted: To take up Article 2.

Art. 2. Moved: That the town omits to choose a Highway Surveyor and rescinds any and all previous votes relative to choosing a Highway Surveyor, and, in accordance with Sec. 409, Chap. 835 of the Acts of 1913, it chooses three Road Commissioners, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, and that the vote be by ballot

and the use of the check list.

After considerable discussion it was moved that consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed. This motion was lost by a vote of Yes, 35 - No, 44.

The result of the first ballot on the original motion was very close, and as the number of ballots cast did not correspond to the number of names checked as having voted, it was not announced.

As the hour was late and many gentlemen had already left the hall, it was

Voted (Yes, 55 - No, 21): That this meeting be adjourned until Saturday evening, January 31st, 1914, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned Town Meeting, January 31st, 1914

Meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by the Moderator who immediately called for a ballot on the question before the house. Result of ballot was as follows: -

Yes, 66

No, 58

Art. 3

Voted: To rescind that part of the vote passed at Town Meeting held September 6, 1913, whereby they voted to place on the official ballot the Highway Surveyor, and instead to place on the official ballot the names of the three Road Commissioners.

Resolved: That we extend a vote of thanks to our Highway Surveyor for his many years of service.

Voted: To adjourn.

Warrant for Town Election, Monday, March 2, 1914.
Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday, the second day of March next at 6.30 o'clock A. M., at which time the meeting will be called to order. The polls will be open for voting at 6.45 o'clock and they must be kept open at least four hours and as much longer time as the meeting may direct but must be closed by 8 o'clock, P. M. then and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant.

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect by official ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:—
one Selectman for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Assessor of Taxes for three years, one Overseer of Poor for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one Collector of Taxes for one year, two Auditors for one year, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, five Constables for one year, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Road Commissioner for two years, one Road Commissioner for one year, one Park Commissioner for three years, two Field Drivers for one year, two Fence Viewers for one year, one Tree Warden

for one year, one Moderator for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years. Also to elect in any manner the meeting may choose three or more Surveors of Lumber for one year, and one Pound Keeper for one year. Also to vote on the following question, viz. - Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford for the ensuing year, Yes or No?

Shall chapter 867 of the Acts of 1913, being an act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment and to exempt from legal liability counties and municipal corporations which pay such compensation be accepted by the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Yes or No?

Shall this Town accept the provisions of Sec. 42 of chapter 514 of the Acts of the year 1909, as affected by chapter 494 of the Acts of the year 1911, which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for city or town employees, yes or No?

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of February, 1914.
Middlesex SS.

I have served the above
warrant by posting
attested copies of the same
one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall
as within directed.

Bedford, Mass., Feb. 20, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
David C. Cutler } Bedford

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Town Election, March 2nd, 1914

In accordance with the warrant the meeting was called to order at 6.30 A.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the constable thereon. Charles W. Jenks was chosen to serve as Moderator and was duly sworn. Dudley P. Ladd, Edward Walsh and James R. Murray having been duly appointed to serve as ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The Town Clerk delivered three hundred and sixty (360) official ballots and sixty (60) special ballots for school committee only to the ballot clerks, who receipted for the same. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and the key delivered to the Constable in attendance. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted according to law. At 6.45 A.M. the polls were declared open. Voted that the polls be closed at 7.10 P.M. A. Elmer Blake and George W. Davis were appointed to serve as tellers to assist in counting and were duly sworn. At 3.15 P.M. the first flock of ballots was taken from the ballot-box, and the work of counting was begun. At 7.10 P.M. the polls were closed. The result of the balloting was as follows:-

Selectman for three years		
John R. Comley	114	Blanks 5
David C. Cutler	132 (S.)	Defective 2
Town Clerk for three years		
Abbott R. Webber	225 (S.)	Blanks 28
Assessor for three years		
Luther A. Ford	110	
Irving L. Hodgdon	128 (S.)	
Blanks	14	Defective 1

Overseer of Poor for three years
 William B. Hughes 209 (s.) Blanks 44

Treasurer for one year
 Sherman G. Rich 210 (s.) Pink Murray 1, Blanks 42

Collector of Taxes for one year
 A. Elmer Blake 215 (s.) Blanks 38.

Auditors for one year
 Winfield M. Brown 186 (s.) Blanks 40
 Nathan H. Daniels 198 (s.)

Trustee Free Public Library for four years
 Elihu G. Loomis 200 Blanks 53

Water Commissioner for three years
 George M. Dimond 213 (s.) Charles Sweetnam 1 Blanks 39

Cemetery Trustee for three years.
 George A. Goodwin 200, Fred Sullivan 1, Hiram E. Young 1, Blanks 51

Constables for one year
 A. Elmer Blake 199 (s.) James R. Murray 1.
 John Kavanagh 197 (s.) Martin McMaham 1.
 Edward P. Kelley 179 (s.) Blanks 27.
 Charles D. Phillips 186 (s.)
 Edward Walsh 200 (s.)

Road Commissioner for three years
 Albert R. Bacon 194 (s.) Blanks 39

Road Commissioner for two years
 Seldon D. Gates 200 (s.) Michael McMaham 1, Blanks 52

Road Commissioner for one year
 Fred F. Cook 110 Blanks 25
 Irving C. Waite 116 (s.) Defective 2

Park Commissioners for three years
 Oliver J. Lane 205 (s.) Blanks 48

Field Drivers for one year
 William H. Mudge 196 Blanks 47
 Harry F. Waite 186

Fence Viewers for one year
 Irving L. Hodgdon 200 (s.) Blanks 37
 Charles H. Clark 200

Tree Warden for one year
 Charles W. Jenks 200 (s.) Blanks 53

Moderator for one year
 Charles W. Jenks 204 (s.) Blanks 49
 School Committee for three years
 Ross K. Whiton. 185 (s.) Blanks 69
 Randall Whittier 1

Shall license be granted for the sale of
 intoxicating liquors in this town
 Yes 136 No 111 Blanks 6

Shall Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913, being
 an act to provide for compensating laborers,
 workmen and mechanics for injuries
 sustained in public employment and to
 exempt from legal liability counties and
 municipal corporations which pay such
 compensation be accepted by the inhabitants
 of the Town of Bedford
 Yes 104 No 46 Blanks 103

Shall this town accept the provisions of
 Section 42 of Chapter 514 of the Acts
 of the year 1909 as affected by Chapter
 1174 of the Acts of the year 1911 which
 provides that eight hours shall con-
 stitute a day's work for city or town
 employees
 Yes 102 No 75 Blanks 76

Warrant for Town Meeting, Wednesday March ~~14~~ 1914
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Wednesday the fourth day of March next at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of the Town warrant.

Article 1. To hear the reports of Committees and Town officers and act upon the same

Art. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 3. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 4. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Art. 7. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.

- Art. 8. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the nineteenth of April, 1913.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lights on the Hartwell Road, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Parent Teacher Association four times during the ensuing year, or do anything in regard to the same.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars to macadamize that part of the Burlington Road from the junction of Burlington Road and Old Road to Billerica and the Shawshoon River, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) to be expended in extending the distributing mains of the Town Water System, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) to repair the Wilson Road between the houses of Willis Kenrick and D. B. Williams, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 422 of the Acts of 1908 not to receive the ~~services~~ of public documents or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will increase the pay of members of Fire Department from fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) to be expended for the improvement to Wilson Park or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) to be expended for improvement of the Page Field, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.) to instal a fire alarm system, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3300.) to purchase a steam roller for use of the Highway Department, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.) to build a fence on the south side of its Town Hall lot, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to employ a Town Accountant with authority to fix the

compensation, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to furnish free of cost transportation to children attending the Concord Agricultural School, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount to pay one-third of the cost in rebuilding the Concord Road, provided only that the County and State pay the remainder, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall at least eight days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } of
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward P. Kelly,

Constable of Bedford

Bedford, Mass., February 21st, 1914.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1914.

Voted (Yes, 23 & No, 15) that the reading of the warrant be dispensed with and that this meeting be adjourned until one week from tonight at the same hour.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1914.

Meeting called to order by the moderator
Reading of the warrant by the Clerk.

Article 1.

The reports of the various officers and committees were presented as printed in the Town Report. The Selectmen presented their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards. The Committee of Revision of Salaries of Town Officers presented the following report. -

That the Town Treasurers receive the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.) per year, - and that no change be recommended at the present time for the rest.

Voted to accept these reports as presented.

Art. 2.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools	\$ 8,500.
Roads and Bridges	4,000.
Incidentals and moving snow	5,100.
Support of Poor, receipts from farm &	1,000.
Fire Department	800.
Street Lights	2,000.
Public Library	250.
Old Burying Ground	25.
Memorial Day	125.
Interest	1,000.
Hydrants	1,000.
Town Warden, unexpended balance &	100.
Discount on taxes	1,500.
Lowell Industrial School	700.

Concord Agricultural School: Voted to appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.), the same to be taken from money due from the state on account of Industrial and Agricultural Schools

Extension of Water Service	\$1000. (See Art. 14)
Bonds	100.
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.
Reserve Fund	500.

Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand one hundred (\$5100.) dollars for incidentals and removing snow, this sum to be distributed to such other accounts as may be necessary to conform to Classification of Town Expenditures prescribed by the Bureau of Statistics of this Commonwealth.

Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars to be known as the Reserve Fund and to be used for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1913.

Art. 3. Voted: that the four thousand (\$4000.) dollars appropriated for Roads and Bridges shall be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners as they see fit.

Art. 4. Voted: that single poll taxes be payable on demand; on all other taxes, if one half is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1914, and the remainder on or before the second Wednesday in December, 1914, a deduction of six per cent. be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax be demanded and collected according to law. On all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum be collected, provided,

however, that when one-half of the tax is paid on or before the second Wednesday in October, 1914, interest be collected on the remaining half after the second Wednesday in December, 1914. The compensation for the collection of taxes be one and one-quarter per cent. ($1\frac{1}{4}\%$) upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 5. Voted: that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art. 6. Voted: that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1914, a sum or sums not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.), and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 7. Voted: that the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the Library.

Art. 8. Voted: that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 9. Voted: that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting on or about April 19th.

Art. 10. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.) for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.

- Art. 11. Voted: that the subject matter of this article be left to the discretion of the Selectmen with power to extend the lights if a sufficient sum of money is available.
- Art. 12. Voted: that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the ensuing year.
- Art. 13. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) to macadamize that part of the Burlington Road from the junction of Burlington Road and Old Road to Billerica and the Shawsheen River.
- Art. 14. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1000) ^{plus} to be expended in extending the distributing mains of the Town Water System under the direction of the Water Commissioners as they see fit.
- Art. 15. Voted: that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Road Commissioners.
- Art. 16. Voted: that the Town do vote at this, the annual town meeting, not to receive the series of public documents.
- Art. 17. As no motion was offered this article was passed without action.
- Art. 18. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the care and improvement of Wilson Park.
- Art. 19. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (200.) to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen for the improvement of the Page Field.
- Art. 20. Voted: that the subject matter of this article be laid on the table.
- Art. 21. Voted: that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Road Commissioners to report at some future meeting.

Art. 22. Voted; that the subject matter of this article be postponed and properly inserted in the next Town Warrant.

✓ Art. 23. A motion, duly made and seconded, to instruct the Board of Selectmen to employ a Town Accountant was lost by a vote of Yes, 32 No, 53.

Art. 24. Voted; to instruct the Selectmen to furnish free of cost, transportation to children attending the Concord Agricultural School, money for this purpose to be taken from the account for Incidentals.

Art. 25. Voted; that the subject matter of this article be laid on the table.

Voted; to adjourn

A true record of the doings of the meeting. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber,
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Saturday, May 16, 1914.
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said county Greeting;—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and sworn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, May 16, 1914, at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding three thousand one hundred (\$3,100.) dollars for the purpose of buying a steam roller for the Highway Department, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salary of the Town Treasurer from one hundred dollars to two hundred dollars or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will assent to an agreement with Mrs Adianna Wood whereby the Town shall hereafter assume the care of the easterly half of its line fence between the Town House lot and land of said Wood, and said Wood shall hereafter assume the care of the westerly half of said line fence, and authorize its Town Clerk to execute and record such agreement in the name and behalf of the Town, or do anything in regard to the same.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.) to carry into effect the doings of the Town under Article 3 of this warrant.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of April, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
J. Pfeiffer, Jr. }
David C. Cutler } Bedford

Middlesex SS. -

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on May 8th, 1914, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., May 8, 1914.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon
Abbott R. Weber, Town Clerk.

Drings at Town Meeting, Saturday, May 16, 1914.
Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Charles
W. Jenks. Warrant read by Abbott K. Webber, Clerk.

Article 1.

A motion, duly made and seconded, to appropriate the sum of \$3050. to buy a steam roller, \$750 to be raised from the tax levy of 1914 and notes of the Town to be given for the remainder, was lost by a vote of Yes, 36 - No, 27, a two-thirds vote being necessary.

Art. 2.

Voted that the salary of the Town Treasurer be raised from one hundred dollars to two hundred dollars. The change to take effect the current year.

Art. 3.

Voted that the Town hereby assents to an agreement with Mrs. Adrianna Wood which has been read this day, whereby the Town shall hereafter assume the care of the Easterly half of its line fence between the town house lot and land of said Wood and said Wood shall hereafter assume the care of the Westerly half of said line fence, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to execute and record such agreement in the name and behalf of the Inhabitants of Bedford.

Art. 4.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) to carry into effect the vote under Article 3, and that the execution of this vote be entrusted to the Selectmen.

After the reading of the minutes, the meeting adjourned.

Abbott K. Webber,
Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Primary,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall, Bedford, Mass., Tuesday, the Twenty-second day of September, 1914, at one o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth

Lieutenant Governor " " "

Secretary of the Commonwealth " "

Treasurer and Receiver General " "

Auditor of the Commonwealth " "

Attorney General " " "

Representative in Congress " Fifth Congressional District

Councillor " Sixth Councillor "

Senator " Seventh Senatorial "

Representative in General Court " Thirteenth Middlesex "

County Commissioner " Middlesex County

And for the election of the following officers:

District Member of State Committee for each political party
for the Seventh Senatorial District

Members of the Democratic Town Committee

Members of the Republican Town Committee

Members of the Progressive Party Town Committee

Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be open from one o'clock, P.M., to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A.D. 1914

Irving L. Hodgdon	} Selectmen of Bedford
David C. Cutler	
J. Pfeiffer, Jr.	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office and five additional copies at other points on September 5th, 1914.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford

Bedford, Mass., Sept. 5th, 1914.

Doings at State Primary, September 22, 1914.

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon, Dudley P. Ladd. John L. Blake, and Edward Walsh were appointed to serve as ballot clerks and were duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and shown to be empty. Sealed packets were delivered by the Town Clerk to the ballot clerks who opened and found them to contain ballots of the Republican, Democratic and Progressive Parties. The polls were then declared open. At 8 P.M. the polls were closed, and A. Elmer Blake having been appointed to assist and duly sworn, the work of counting was begun. Result of the balloting was as follows:-

Republican

Democratic
Governor

Progressive

Samuel W. McCall	117	David J. Walsh	14.	Joseph Walker	5
Blanks	46	Blanks	2.	Blanks	0
				Governor Walsh	1

Lieutenant Governor

Grafton D. Cushing	146	Edward P. Barry	14.	James P. Magonis	5
August H. Goelling	2	Blanks	2.	Blanks	0
Elmer A. Stevens	4			Grafton D. Cushing	1
Blanks	11				

Secretary

Frank L. Brier	54	Frank J. Donahue	14.	Russell A. Wood	6
William S. Kinney	16	Blanks	2.	Blanks	0
Albert P. Langtry	56				
Blanks	37				

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill	76	Frederick W. Mansfield	15.	Daniel J. Murphy	6
Frederick C. Pierce	42	Blanks	1.	Blanks	0
Blanks	45				

Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook	86	Frank H. Pope	15.	Frederick P. Glazier	6
Joseph Monette	40	Blanks	1.	Blanks	0
Blanks	37				

Attorney General

Henry C. Attwill	21	Thomas J. Boynton	15.	John Hildreth	6
John A. Curtin	5	Blanks	1.	Blanks	0
James M. Hallowell	7				
John J. Higgins	94				
James A. Stiles	10				
Blanks	26				

Congressmen

John Jacob Rogers	120.	J. Joseph O'Connor	11	Wm H. Asgood	6
Blanks	43.	Blanks	5	Blanks	0

Progressive
~~Republican~~

Democratic
Councillor

Republican
~~Progressive~~

Harrie C. Hunter 3.	John J. Hogan 14.	Henry C. Mulligan 106
Blanks 3.	Blanks 2.	Blanks 57

Senator

Allen Brooks Parker 6.	Thomas S. Cuff 13.	Chas. A. Kimball 123
Blanks 0.	Henry P. Dunn 1.	Otto Reither 11
	Blanks 2.	Blanks 29

Representative in General Court

Joseph S. Hart 6.	Winthrop H. Fairbank 14.	J. Pfeiffer, Jr. 109
Blanks 0.	Blanks 2.	Blanks 54

County Commissioner

George A. Goodwin 6.	John J. Butler 1.	Frederic P. Barnes 52
Blanks 0.	Charles F. McCarthy 10.	Leri S. Gould 58
	John B. McClockey 0.	Julius Meyers 13
	Peter J. McLaughlin 1.	Blanks 40
	Michael M. O'Connor 0.	
	William H. Walsh 3.	
	Blanks	

State Committee

Osborne McLeod 2.	William H. Small 12.	Louis Pfeiffer 112
Frederick S. Lydiard 1.	Blanks 4.	Blanks 57
Blanks 3.		

Delegates to State Convention

John L. Jewett 6.	John Bowers 12.	John C. P. Riess 106
Frederic S. Lydiard 6.	Blanks 4.	Frank H. Clark 101
George H. Sweetnam 6.		

Town Committee

F. S. Lydiard 3	Frederick Sullivan 5.	Louis Pfeiffer 110
F. F. Cook 2	Edward Walsh 7.	Sherman G. Rich 120
G. H. Sweetnam 3	John E. English 6.	Chas. W. Blake 120
L. L. Jewett 1	Michael L. English 5.	Albert R. Bacon 120
	Michael M. McTanner 8.	John C. P. Riess 117

Democratic

M. F. Manning 6.
 W. H. Meagher 4.
 A. D. McDonald 4.
 John Bowers 5.
 T. M. Henderson 5.

Warrant for State Election, November 3rd, 1914.
 Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
 in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to
 notify and warn the inhabitants of the
 Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote
 in elections and in town affairs to meet
 in the Town Hall, Bedford, Mass., on Tuesday,
 the third day of November, 1914, at 6
 o'clock, A.M., at which time the polls will
 be open, and they will be kept open until
 7 o'clock P.M., to bring in their votes to
 the election officers for the election of the
 following officers and the acceptance of the
 following amendments to the Constitution.

Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Lieutenant Governor of the " " "

Secretary " " " " "

Treasurer " " " " "

Auditor " " " " "

Attorney General " " " " "

Representative in Congress, Fifth Congressional Dist.

Councillor in Sixth Councillor District

Senator in Seventh Senatorial District

Representative in General Court, Thirteenth Representative Dist.

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Acceptance of Chapter 217, Acts 1914, tentituled an
 Act relative to vacations of laborers employed
 by cities and towns

Acceptance of Chapter 688, Acts 1914, entitled an act to make Saturday a half holiday for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth and otherwise to regulate their employment.

Acceptance of Chapter 790, Acts 1914, entitled an act to abolish the enrollment of members of political parties and limit the membership of ward and town committees

All the above officers and amendments to be voted for on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of October, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Edmund Pfeiffer, Jr. }
 David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex SS:

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on October 22, 1914 as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
 Constable of Bedford
 Bedford, Mass.
 Oct. 22, 1914.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon
 Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

State Election, Tuesday, November 3rd, 1914.
 Meeting called to order at 6 A.M. by the
 Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the
 return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd,
 John L. Blake and Edward Walsh were appointed
 to serve as ballot clerks and duly sworn.
 Ballot box was opened and shown to be empty.
 A sealed package was delivered by the Town
 Clerk to the Ballot clerks - which was found
 to contain four hundred official ballots. The polls were
 then declared open. At 1.30 P.M. the first
 block of ballots was taken from the box and
 the work of counting was begun. At 7 P.M.
 the polls were declared closed. The result
 of balloting was as follows:-

Governor		Lieut. Governor	
Alfred H. Evans (P.)	2	Edward P. Barry (D.)	60
Samuel W. McCall (R.)	143	Grafton D. Cushing (R.)	185
Arthur E. Reimer (S.L.)	1	Arthur Howard (P.)	1
Samuel C. Roberts (S.)	0	James P. Magenis (Prog.)	18
Joseph Walker (Prog.)	25	Sydney J. McBride (S.)	1
David J. Walsh (D.)	90	Patrick Mulligan (S.L.)	1
Blanks	10	Blanks	5

Secretary		Treasurer	
Percy B. Ball (S.)	5	Charles L. Burrill (R.)	155
Frank J. Donahue (D.)	64	Joseph M. Coldwell (S.)	3
James W. Holden (S.L.)	0	Frederick Fosdick (Prog.)	26
Albert P. Langtry (R.)	150	Thomas A. Frissell (P.)	1
William G. Merritt (P.)	1	Karl Lindstrand (S.L.)	0
Russell A. Wood (Prog.)	26	Frederick W. Mansfield (D.)	68
Blanks	25	Blanks	18

Auditor		Attorney General	
Alonzo B. Cook (R.)	144	Henry C. Attwell (R.)	150
Daniel R. Donovan (S.)	2	Thomas J. Boynton (D.)	68
John Drysdale (P.)	1	John Hildreth (Prog.)	28
Frederick P. Glazier (Prog.)	23	Howard B. Rand (P.)	0
Frederick E. Pelcher (S.L.)	2	John Weaver Sherman (S.)	1
Frank H. Pope (D.)	69	William Taylor (S.L.)	1
Blanks	30	Blanks	23

Congressman		Councillor	
J. Joseph O'Connor (D.)	59	John J. Hogan (D.)	61
William V. Osgood (Prog.)	21	Harrie C. Hunter (Prog.)	30
John Jacob Rogers (R.)	174	Henry C. Mulligan (R.)	150
Blanks	17	Blanks	30

Senator		Representative in Gen. Court	
Henry P. Dunn (D.)	61	Winthrop H. Fairbank (D.)	56
Charles A. Kimball (R.)	163	Joseph S. Hart (Prog.)	64
Allen Brooks Parker (Prog.)	27	Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. (R.)	138
Blanks	20	Blanks	13

County Commissioner	
George A. Goodwin (Prog.)	27
Levi S. Gould (R.)	149
Charles F. Mc Carthy (D.)	68
Blanks	27

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1914 entitled an act relative to vacations of laborers employed by cities and towns be accepted?

Yes	92
No	114
Blanks	65

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1914 to make Saturday a half-holiday without loss of pay for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth and otherwise to regulate their employment

be accepted

Yes 104 No 107 Blanks. 60

Shall the act passed by the General Court in the year 1914 providing for the abolition of party enrollment at primary elections be accepted

Yes 145 No 46 Blanks. 80

On November 11th, 1914, a recount of the vote for Councillor was held at the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall at 8. P.M. No changes were found in the number of votes credited to each of the candidates.

Town Clerks' Meeting

Vote of Middlesex District No. 13 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said district, held at Concord, November 13th, 1914, at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Weston	Total
Winthrop H. Fairbank of Sudbury.	56	281	41	85	151	56	670
Joseph S. Hart of Lincoln.	64	201	104	16	43	50	478
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., of Bedford.	138	417	52	86	215	262	1170
Blanks	13	40	4	2	27	9	95
Total	271	939	201	189	436	377	2413

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. of Bedford and signed by

Abbott R. Webber	Town Clerk of Bedford
William D. Cross	" " Concord
George L. Chapin	" " Lincoln
Frank F. Gerry	" " Sudbury
Warren L. Bishop	" " Wayland
George W. Cutting	" " Weston

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was delivered to the Representative elect. Attest:-

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 28, 1914.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in
said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby directed to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified
by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs
to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford, on
Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of November, 1914,
at 8 o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the
following articles in the Town Warrant:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of Seven hundred Forty-
three dollars and fifty-nine cents for the
work of exterminating the Gypsy and Brown-
tail moth as required by law.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-
propriate the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred
and Fifty dollars for the use of the School
Committee, or do anything in relation to the
same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting attested copies of the same, one
at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall
eight days at least before the time of
holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your
doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at
or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Fourteenth day of Nov., 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
Immanuel Pfluffer, Jr. } of
David C. Cutler } Bedford
Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested
copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one
at the Post Office on Nov. 20th, 1914, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Doings at Special Town Meeting, November 28, 1914.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order at 8.10 P.M. by the Moderator. The warrant with the return of the Constable thereon was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. As the Bureau of Statistics had ruled that it is unlawful to appropriate money from the next year's taxes to meet obligations of the present year, and as the customary phrase, "or do anything in relation thereto", had been inadvertently omitted from the article in the warrant, a point of order was raised, and it was voted to pass over this article.

Article 2. Voted, that the Town do appropriate one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the School Committee and that the amount be transferred from the surplus revenue of the year 1913 which has been collected and not appropriated or used for 1913 obligations.

After the reading of the minutes it was Voted, to adjourn.

A true record of the doings of the meeting
Attest. Abbott W. Webber, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting to be held Thursday,
January 7, 1915.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford in said County Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote
in elections and in town affairs to meet
in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Thursday
the seventh day of January, 1915, at 8 o'clock
P.M., then and there to act on the following
articles in the town warrant.

Article 1 To see if the town will vote to raise and
appropriate the sum of seven hundred and
forty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents
(\$743.59) to carry on the work of the
gypsy and brown-tail moth work as required
by law or do anything in relation to
the same.

At 8.30 P.M. on the above date, a hearing
~~will be~~ held on a petition by the Boston
Wholesale Grocery Co. for a permit to
establish and maintain a fat rendering
plant in building to be erected on Cutler &
land now owned by Bedford Coal & Grain
Co. on north side of the railroad and up
to the New England Nurseries Co. land.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting attested copies of the same one
at the post office and one at the town
hall eight days at least before the time
for holding said meeting.

Hereof I fail not, and make due return
of your doings with this warrant to the
Town Clerk at or before the time and place
for holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this 29th day of
December, 1914.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the above warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same, one at the post office and one at the town hall on Dec. 29, 1914, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford,
Bedford, Mass., Dec. 29, 1914.

Special Town Meeting, January 7, 1915.

Meeting called to order at 8.03 P.M. by the Moderator. Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.
Article 1. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$743.59) to carry on the gypsy and brown-tail moth work.

It was announced that the petition of the Boston Wholesale Grocery Co. to maintain a fat rendering plant had been withdrawn. No further business appearing the meeting adjourned after the reading of the warrant.

A true copy of the doings of the meeting. Attest:

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Election, Monday, March 1st, 1915
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the first day of March next at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the meeting will be called to order. The Polls will be open for voting at 6.15 A.M. and they will be kept open for voting until 7 o'clock P.M., then and there to elect the following list of Town officers.

To elect by official ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year:— one Selectman for three years, one assessor of taxes for three years, one overseer of the poor for three years, one Treasurer for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, two Auditors for one year, one trustee of the public library for four years, one water commissioner for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, five constables for one year, one road commissioner for three years, one park commissioner for three years, one member of the school committee for three years, two field drivers for one year, two fence viewers for one year, one tree warden for one year; also to elect in any manner the meeting may choose three or more surveyors of lumber for one year and one pound keeper for one year, three members of the board of health for one year; and also to vote on the following questions, viz:—
Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford for the ensuing year?
Yes or No.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by pasting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time for ^{holding} said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February, 1915

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the the above warrant by pasting attested copies of same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Feb. 9, 1915, as within directed

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford
Bedford, Mass., Feb. 9, 1915.

Town Election, Monday, March 1, 1915.

Meeting called to order at 6 A.M. by the Moderator. Warrant read by Town Clerk, A. Elmer Blake, Michael M. McGann and Dudley P. Ladd having been duly appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, and the keys delivered to the constable in attendance. At 6.15 A.M., the polls were declared open and balloting commenced. At 2.50 P.M., the first block of ballots was taken from the ballot box, and the work of counting was begun. At 7 P.M. The polls were closed and shortly after the results were announced.

Result of balloting was as follows:—

Total number of ballots cast,-	Two hundred,	sixty-two	
" " "	males checked by Town Clerk	262	
" " "	" " " " " "	Ballot clerks	262
" " "	shown by register on ballot box	264	
" " "	of females checked	2	

Selectman for three years

Irving L. Hodgdon, 195	John R. Conley, 1
Blanks 65	Nathan H. Daniels, 1

Assessor for three years
David C. Cutler, 196
Blanks 66

Overseer of Poor for three years
Herbert L. Clark 209 James Connors, 1
Blanks 52

	Treasurer for one year	
Cherman G. Rich	200	Paul Raymond, 1
Blanks	61	

Collector of Taxes for one year
A. Elmer Blake
Blanks

Auditors for one year	
Winfield M. Brown	180
Nathan H. Daniels	197
Blanks	82 and 64

School Committee for three years

George H. Sweetnam	189	John L. Comley, 1
Blanks	69	Joseph H. Williams, 2
Wm. Hamilton	1	Geo. F. Piper, 1
Geo. W. Davis	1	

Road Commissioner for three years.
 Irving C. Waite 201
 Blanks 61

Water Commissioner for three years.
 Paul B. Webber 205 William Mudge 1
 Blanks 56

Trustee Free Public Library for four years
 Albert R. Bacon 197
 Blanks 65

Cemetery Trustee for three years
 George R. Blinn 203
 Blanks 59

Moderator for one year
 Charles W. Jenks 199
 Blanks 63

Park Commissioner for three years
 James Sallaway 182
 Blanks 80

Tree Wardens for one year
 Charles W. Jenks 192 James Kelley 1
 Blanks 67 Joseph McMahau 2

Fence Viewers for one year
 Irving L. Hodgdon 186 John Comers 1
 Charles H. Clark 181
 Blanks 76 and 80

Constables for one year
 A. Elmer Blake 201. C.W. Jenks 2. John Muzzy 1
 John Kavanagh 191. W.B. Hughes 2. Daniel Burke 1
 Edward P. Kelly 173. J. R. Comley 1. H. L. Clark 1
 Charles D. Phillips 171. Paul Raymond 2. J. L. Jewett 1
 Edward Walsh 188. Jinks Raymond 1. G. H. Wood 1
 Blanks Martin McMahau 1

Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?
 Yes, 144. No, 111. Blanks, 7.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large: -

Field Drivers

William H. Mudge

Harry Frederick Waite

Pound Keeper

The Superintendent of the Town Farm

Surveyors of Lumber

William Thompson Oliver J. Lane Herbert L. Clark

C. Willard Plastridge Daniel E. Haynes Roger W. Brown

Charles H. Clark

Quincy B. Cole

A true record. Attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 3, 1915
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in Town Hall in said Bedford on Wednesday, the third day of March next at 7.30 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

- Article 1 To hear the reports of Committees and Town officers and act upon the same.
- Art. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 3. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 4. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation for Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- Art. 7. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from Dog licenses.
- Art. 8. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.

- Art. 9. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th of April, 1915.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan the current year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lights in any direction, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to macadamize a piece of road on the Burlington Road so called, and extending as far as the money will go, work to be done by June 1st, 1915.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the unexpended balance of 1914 to be expended for the further improvement of the Page Field, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars to install an electric fire alarm or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to pay a Town Accountant or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000.) or any other sum that may be needed to be used in connection with an appropriation by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, the Middlesex County Commissioners or the State of Massachusetts to rebuild and macadamize the Concord Road to the Concord Line, or do

anything in relation to the same.

Art. 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) or any other sum to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners in constructing an extension of the water mains from South Street through Lincoln Road, Hartwell Road and Cutler St. to Beacon St. or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18.

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the year

Art. 19.

To see if the Town will take any action regarding the condition of Loomis Street and to furnish adequate drainage for the same, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty (\$650.) dollars to complete the macadamizing of Crescent Avenue, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 21.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600. to repair with gravel, Davis Road from John Connors' to the foot of the hill near Michael Mc Mahan's or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 22

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.) to drain and repair with gravel about five hundred feet of Wilson Road near the property of D. B. Williams, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.) to macadamize the old Billerica Road near the property of Charles H. Clark, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) for the purpose of rebuilding the sidewalk from

on south side of Great Road from Elm St. to the property of John L. Jewett, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1000.) dollars for the purpose of resurfacing with stone the Great Road between Loomis St. and the railroad crossing, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 26 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand (\$6000.) dollars to extend the water mains of the Bedford Water Department through the Concord Road to the house of John J. Kelley, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the unexpended balance of Wilson Park appropriation for the use of Wilson Park

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.) for the purchase of three hose reels equipped with a line of hose, to be kept, one in the North, one in the West and one in the East section of the Town, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office, and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of February, 1915

Irving L. Hodgdon }
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of
Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Feb. 23, 1915, as above directed.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford
Bedford, Mass. Feb. 23, 1915.

Doings at Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 3, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7.30 P.M., and the warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted that the several reports as contained in the Town Book be accepted and placed on file. Selectmen reported that their report on guide posts and guide boards would be prepared within a few days and filed with the Town Clerk. Committee on Building Laws reported and asked for further time which was granted.

Art. 2 Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year:

Selectmen \$475.

of which \$100. is to be expended for clerical service with reference to the town books.

Accounting Department \$50.

Treasurer 350.

Collector 750.

Assessors 225.

Town Clerk 100.

Election and Registration 115.

Town Hall 900.

600. from tax levy and \$300. from the receipts of the hall.

Police Department \$1,100.

Fire Department, Unexpended balance (\$58.10) + 700.

Hydrant Service	\$1,000
Brush Fire Department	350.
Sealing Weights and Measures	50.
Tree Warden	Unexpended balance + 150.
Moth Department, Appropriation previously made	(743.59)
Health Department	50.
Inspection of Animals, \$125. from amt. returned by state	+ 125.
Maintenance of Roads + Bridges, Unexpended balance	(1607.13) + 2,700.
	and Excise Tax of 1915
Street Lighting	2,150.
(to include \$100. for 3 lights on Carlisle Road and 3 lights on Concord Road)	
School Department	9,000.
Industrial Schools	750.
(\$400. from tax levy and \$350. from amt. received from state)	
Public Library, Dog tax money and	250.
Support of Poor	3,500
(\$500. from tax levy and \$2000. receipts of the Dept.)	
Improvement of Wilson Park	Unexpended balance (45.22)
Improvement of Page Field	Unexpended balance (41.46)
Memorial Day	125.
Town Reports	275.
Fire Insurance	450.
Industrial Insurance	325.
Extension of Water Mains	2300.
Cemetery Dept. Receipts and Unexpended balance	(192.26)
Old Burying Ground, Unexpended balance (\$6.52) +	25.
Interest	1,000.
Reserve Fund	1,000.
Rebuild + Macadamize Concord Road	6,000.
Macadamize Crescent Ave.	650.
Repair Davis Road	265.
Sidewalk on Great Road	500.

- Art. 3. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate money for the repair of roads and bridges, to be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners and apportioned as follows: -
40% for the Center District and bridges and 15% for each of the four outlying districts.
- Art. 4. Voted that the time and manner of collecting taxes be in accordance with the statute of the Commonwealth, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury, and that the Town pay the expense of postage, stationary and printing in connection with the collection of taxes.
- Art. 5. Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.
- Art. 6. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, a sum or sums not exceeding ^{in the aggregate} forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.), and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.
- Art. 7. Voted that the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the Library.
- Art. 8. Voted that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- Art. 9. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting on or about April 19th.
- Art. 10. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for

hydrant service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year

Art. 11 Voted that the appropriation for street lighting be \$2150.00, to be raised in the tax levy of 1915, of which the \$100. additional to the Selectmen's estimate (\$2050.00) be expended for three lights on Concord Road and three lights on Carlisle Road.

Art. 12. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 13. Voted that the Town do appropriate the unexpended balance of 1914 to be expended for the further improvement of the Page Field

Art. 14. Voted that this article be laid on the table

Art. 15. Voted that this article be laid on the table

Art. 16. Voted (Yes, 116. No, 0.) that the Town raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6000.), one thousand to be included in the tax levy of the ensuing year and bonds issued for five thousand dollars (\$5000.), one thousand payable each year for five years.

Said amount to be used only in connection with allotments from the Mass. Highway Commission and the County Commissioners, and provided that the said commissioners shall jointly during the current year allot a sufficient amount to pay two thirds of the cost of completing a macadam road from Bedford Center to the Concord Town Line, otherwise said appropriation not to be available

Art. 17. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand three hundred (\$2300.) dollars to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners in constructing an extension of the water mains from South Street through Lincoln Road and Hartwell Road.

Art. 18. Voted that the Town instruct the Selectmen to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the year.

Art. 19. Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the Board of Road Commissioners concerning the condition of Loomis Street and report at some subsequent Town Meeting in the near future.

Chair appointed Mr. R. A. Whittier, Mr. C. E. Williams and Mr. G. H. Sweetnam.

Art. 20 Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) or such part of said sum as may be needed to complete the macadamizing of Crescent Avenue.

Art. 21 Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$265.00) to be used in addition to the fifteen per cent of the appropriation for Roads and Bridges allotted to the West quarter for work on Davis Road beginning at a point on the hill near Michael Mc Mahan's house and extending as far as the money will go. Repairs to consist of eight inches of field stone, three or four inches of gravel and five inches of crushed stone, and finally a thin layer of gravel; field stone and gravel to be donated by the abutters. Road to be twelve instead of fifteen feet wide.

Art. 22 Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 23 Voted that this article be laid on the table.

Art. 24 Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of rebuilding the sidewalk on the South side of Great Road from Elm Street to the property of John L. Jewett.

Art. 25 Voted that this article be laid on the table

Art. 26 Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 27 Voted that the Town do appropriate the unexpended balance of Wilson Park appropriation of 1914 for the use of Wilson Park

Art. 28 Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department and the Selectmen.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record of the doings of the meeting. Attest

Abbot R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting April 22, 1915 Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Bedford, Mass. on Thursday April 22, 1915 at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles in the Town Warrant.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the steam roller now used by the Highway Commissioners, raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Highway Commissioners to hire the steam roller now in use the ensuing year, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to purchase and install a new sanitary watering trough to replace the present one, decide on a new location for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 3 of the Town Warrant at the annual March Meeting held March 3, 1915, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 5. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges

for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to repair Davis Road from the curve opposite the estate of L. G. Swett to Concord Road near the house of Seldon D. Gates, said money to be taken from money appropriated for the South District.

Art. 7.

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a special committee to investigate the advisability of the adoption of Town by laws with instructions to report at some future Town Meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall in said Bedford eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of April, 1915.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of Bedford.

Middlesex SS. I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on April 15, 1915, as within directed

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford

Bedford, Mass., April 15, 1915.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbot R. Welber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, April 22nd, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8 P.M. The clerk read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Article 1

See reconsideration
on page 464

Voted to appropriate \$2450. to purchase the Buffalo-Ritts Steam-roller now used by the Road Commissioners, that \$1000. be included in the tax levy of the present year, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the balance, \$1450., and that notes for the same be issued, \$1000. payable in one year and \$450. payable in two years.

This vote was as follows: - Yes, 56; No, 3.

Art. 2.

Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 3.

Voted that the old watering trough on Main St. be removed and \$150. raised and appropriated to purchase a sanitary watering and drinking trough to be installed on Main Street at the North East Corner of Spring Street.

Art. 4.

Voted that the vote taken under Article 3 at the annual Town Meeting held March 3rd, 1915, as read by the Clerk, be rescinded and annulled.

Art. 5.

Voted that the \$4900. appropriated for Roads and Bridges shall be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners, as they see fit, with instructions that the amount appropriated for the West District at the March Meeting be used with the further sum appropriated under Art. 21 of the same meeting.

Art. 6.

Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 7.

Voted that the Chair appoint a committee of four, the Moderator to be one of the committee, to investigate the advisability of the adoption of Town By-laws, to report at the annual Town Meeting in March, 1916.

The Chair appointed Mr. G. R. Blinn, Mr. N. H. Daniels and Mr. R. A. Whittier.

Voted that the meeting reconsider the vote taken under Article 1.

Article 1

Voted to appropriate \$2450. to purchase the Buffalo-Pitts Steam-roller now used by the Road Commissioners, that \$100. be included in the tax levy of the present year, \$900. be taken from any amount that is or may be in the treasury, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the balance of \$1450., and that notes for the same be issued, \$1000. payable in one year and \$450. payable in two years

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest,
Abbot R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, July 31, 1915
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday, July 31st, 1915 at eight o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the articles in the Town warrant.

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote passed under Article 16 in the warrant for the Town Meeting held March 3rd, 1915, by striking out the words, "and bonds issued for five thousand dollars (\$5000.) one thousand payable each year for five years," and inserting in place thereof the following: "And that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.) and to issue serial notes of the Town therefor, payable \$1,000. each year for five years," so that the vote will read as follows:—

"That the Town raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.) one thousand to be included in the tax levy of the ensuing year and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.) and to issue serial notes of the Town therefor, payable \$1,000 each year for five years, said

amount to be used only in connection with allotments from the Mass. Highway Commission and the County Commissioners and provided that the said Commissioners shall jointly during the current year allot a sufficient amount to pay two-thirds of the cost of completing a macadam road from Bedford Center to the Concord town line, otherwise said appropriation not to be available.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in anticipation of reimbursements from the State Highway Commission, in conformity with section 4 of chapter 719, Acts of 1913, or act in any way relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the supervision of the pupils attending the Vocational School from Bedford shall be transferred to the School Committee, and that the appropriation for this work be placed in the hands of the School Committee for disbursements applying thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to underdrain and resurface on the road leading from to the school building from Elm Street, or raise and appropriate money for that purpose or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Whereof said not, and make due returns of your doings with said warrant to the Town Clerk at or

before the time for holding said meeting.

Irving L. Hodgston } Selectmen of
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on July 22, 1915, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelly,

Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., July 22, 1915.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Attest:-
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Saturday, July 31, 1915.
Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by the Moderator. Town Clerk read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Article 1

Voted:- That the Town amend the vote passed under Article 16 in the warrant for the Town Meeting held March 3, 1915, by striking out the words, "and bonds issued for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) one thousand payable each year for five years," and inserting in place thereof the following: "and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.), and to issue serial notes of the Town therefor, payable \$1,000 each year for five years."

so that the vote will read as follows:—

Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.) one thousand to be included in the tax levy of the ensuing year, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and to issue serial notes of the Town therefor, payable \$1,000 each year for five years, said amount to be used only in connection with allotments from the Mass. Highway Commission and the County Commissioners and provided that the said Commissioners shall jointly during the current year allot a sufficient amount to pay two-thirds of the cost of completing a macadam road from Bedford Center to the Concord town line; otherwise said appropriation shall not be available.

Art. 2. Voted: That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.) in anticipation of reimbursement from the State Highway Commission, in conformity with Section 4 of Chapter 719, Acts of 1913.

Art. 3. Voted: That the supervision of pupils from Bedford attending any and all vocational schools be under the charge of the School Committee and that the Town appropriation for this work be placed in the hands of said Committee for disbursements applying thereto.

Art. 4. Voted: That the Town underdrain and

resurface on the road leading to the school building from Elm Street; and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.) for that purpose, said sum to be taken from any money that may be in the Town treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Committee appointed by the Chair at the Town Meeting held March 3, 1915, to investigate the condition of Loomis Street reported that the matter is now in the hands of the County Commissioners.

After the reading of the minutes the meeting adjourned.

A true record. Attest:-

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Primary.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are
hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants
of said town who are qualified to vote in
Primaries to meet in the Town Hall of said
Bedford on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of
September, 1915, at one o'clock, P.M., for the
following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary
Officers for the nomination of candidates of
political parties for the following offices:

Governor	for this Commonwealth
Lieutenant Governor	" " "
Secretary of the Commonwealth	" "
Treasurer and Receiver General	" "
Auditor of the Commonwealth	" "
Attorney General	" "
Councillor	Sixth Councillor Dist.
Senator	Seventh Senatorial "
Representative in General Court	13 th Middlesex "
County Commissioner	Middlesex County
County Treasurer	" "
Sheriff	" "

And for the election of the following officers:
District Member of State Committee for each
political party for the 7th Senatorial District.

Members of Democratic Town Committee

Members of Republican Town Committee

Members of Progressive Party Town Committee

Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted
for upon one ballot. The polls will be open from
one P.M. to eight P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting attested copies thereof one at the Town

Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford eight days at least before the time of said meeting, as directed by vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A.D. 1915.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
J. K. Pfeffer, Jr. }
David C. Cutler } Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on September 13, 1915, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelly, Constable,
Bedford, Mass.

Doings at State Primary, Sept. 21st, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at one P.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John L. Blake and Michael L. English having been appointed to serve and Ballot clerks and duly sworn, the Town Clerk delivered to them nine packages said to contain fifty primary ballots each. The ballot box was then opened and shown to be empty, after which the polls were declared open. At 8.02 P.M. the polls were declared closed, and Sherman G. Rich and Edward G. Stone having been appointed to assist in the counting, that work was begun. Check lists used by the Town Clerk and Ballot clerks showed that one hundred and ninety-nine ballots had been cast.

Result of balloting was as follows:—

Republican

Progressive

Democratic

Governor

Grafton H. Cushing, 102.	Nelson B. Clark, 1.	Frederick S. Deitrick	1
Eugene W. Frost 9.	Blanks	David J. Walsh	7
Samuel W. McCall 58.		Blanks	0
Blanks 17.			

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge 72	Edward P. Barry	7
Guy Andrews Ham 85	Blanks	1
Blanks 29		

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Albert P. Langtry, 139.	Edwin A. Grosvenor	7
Blanks 47.	Blanks	1

Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles L. Burrill, 134.	Henry L. Bowles	7
Blanks 52.	Blanks	1

Auditor of the Commonwealth

Edward C. R. Bagley, 88.	Jacob C. Morse	7
Alonso B. Cook 43.	Blanks	1
Samuel W. George 17.		
Blanks 38.		

Attorney General

Henry C. Atwill, 134.	Joseph Joyce Donahue	7
Blanks 52	Harold Williams, Jr.	2
	Blanks	1

Republican

Progressive

Democratic 473

Councillor

Henry C. Mulligan, 131.
Blanks 55.

Joseph H. McNally 5
Blanks 3

Senator

Charles A. Kimball, 137.
Blanks 49.

Frederic W. Burke 7
Blanks 1

Representative in General Court

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., 100.
Benjamin Loring Young, 80.
Blanks 6.

Thomas J. Burke 5
Blanks 3

County Commissioner

John Lathrop Dyer, 139. George A. Goodwin, 1. Michael M. O'Connor 7
Harry A. Penniman, 14. Blanks 1
Chester B. Williams, 99.
Blanks 34.

County Treasurer

Joseph O. Hayden, 115. David A. Keefe, 1. David A. Keefe 6
Harold David Wilson, 24. Blanks 2
Blanks 47.

Sheriff

John R. Fairbairn, 109.
Adelbert B. Messer 43.
Blanks 34.

John J. Donovan 5
George A. Ferris 0
Blanks 3

District Member of State Committee

Louis Pfeiffer, 115.
Stephen J. Kiehl, 1. Geo. W. Diamond 1
Fred F. Cook, 1.
Fred Ludwig, 1. Blanks 67.

474	Republican	Progressive	Democratic
Delegates to State Convention			
Merton L. Winchenbaugh	, 99.		Michael M. McGann 5
Herbert A. O'Brien	, 100.		
Blanks			

Town Committee		
Louis Pfeiffer	, 98.	Frederick Sullivan 4
Sherman G. Rich	, 109.	Michael M. McGann 5
Charles W. Blake	, 113.	Oswin S. Bumpus 4
Albert R. Bacon	, 111.	Charles W. Duntun 5
John C. R. Riese	, 106.	Martin F. McMahon 4
James Bagley	, 1.	
R. A. Whittier	, 1.	
Geo. M. Dimond	, 1.	
Randall A. Whittier	, 1.	
George A. Skelton	, 1.	

Total number of ballots cast	199
Number of ballots spoiled by marking candidates of more than one party	1
Number of ballots unmarked	3
" " " of Progressive Party	1
" " " " Democratic "	8
" " " " Republican "	186

A true record. Attest,
 Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting, Tuesday Sept. 21, 1915.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the twenty-first day of September, 1915, at 7 o'clock, P.M., then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article I To see what action the Town will take on the petition of Mrs. Sarah H. Hayden to be permitted to erect stone posts on Sweetwater Avenue between North Road and the Boston and Maine Railroad Crossing, and relocate the roadway accordingly.

Article II To see if the Town will vote to elect a Board of Health at the annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

And you are directed to fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of September, 1915.

Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen
 Emmanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. }
 David C. Cutler } Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the
 within warrant

by posting attested copies of the same on Sept. 13, 1915,
 as directed, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office
 Edward P. Kelley, Constable, Bedford, Mass.

Doings at Town Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1915
 Meeting called to order at 7 P.M. by the
 Moderator. Warrant and return of the Constable
 thereon read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted, that this article be referred to a
 committee of three to be appointed by the
 chair to report at an adjournment of this
 meeting Tuesday, October 5th, at 8 o'clock.

Chair appointed Elihu G. Loomis, Immanuel
 Pfeiffer, Jr. and Albert R. Bacon [adjourned]
 Voted that when this meeting dissolves it be
 until Tuesday, October 5th, 1915, at 8 o'clock.

Article 2. Voted, that the Town do elect a Board of
 Health at its annual Town Meeting

Voted that this meeting be dissolved in accordance
 with the provisions of the vote taken under
 Article I.

Tuesday, October 5, 1915.

Adjourned Meeting assembled at 8 P.M.

As Mrs. Hayden had withdrawn her petition
 to erect posts on Sweetwater Ave., the committee
 to whom said petition was referred asked
 to be discharged without making any report
 concerning the matter.

Voted, to adjourn.

A true record, Attest

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Election.

November 2, 1915

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet in the Town Hall at said Bedford on Tuesday, the Second day of November, 1915, at Six o'clock, A. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney-General, for this Commonwealth; Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District; Senator for the Seventh Senatorial District; Representative in General Court for the Thirteenth Middlesex Representative District; County Commissioner, County Treasurer and Sheriff for Middlesex County; and nine Commissioners to apportion Suffolk County into Representative Districts.

Also to vote on the following questions:

Acceptance of Chapter 129, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolve to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens."

Acceptance of Chapter 130, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolve to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution striking

the word 'male' from the qualifications of voters."

Acceptance of Chapter 140, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolve to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution relative to the authority of the General Court to impose taxes."

All the above officers and questions are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 6. A. M. to 8. P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1915.

Immanuel Pleiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of Bedford

Middlesex S. S.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Oct. 25 as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., Oct. 25, 1915.

A true copy. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

State Election, November 2, 1915.

Meeting called to order at 6. A. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John L. Blake and Michael L. English having been appointed to serve as ballot clerks were duly sworn. Ballot box was opened and shown to be empty. A sealed package was delivered by the Town Clerk to the ballot clerks which on being opened was found to contain four hundred and fifty ballots. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted according to law. The polls were then declared open. At 10.05 A. M., the ballot box was opened, the first block of ballots was taken from the box, and the work of counting was commenced. At 8. P. M. the polls were declared closed. Result of balloting was as follows:—
Total number of ballots cast, 271.

Governor

Nelson B. Clark, Progressive	6	Peter O'Rourke, Soc. Lab.	0
Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist	3	William Shaw, Prohib.	6
Samuel W. McCall, Republican	151	David J. Walsh, Dem.	100
Blanks	5		

Lieutenant Governor

Edward P. Barry, Dem.	69	James Hayes, Soc. Lab.	0
Calvin Coolidge, Rep.	175	Chester R. Lawrence, Non-Pap.	5
Alfred H. Evans, Prohib.	7	Samuel P. Lereberg, Soc.	2
Blanks.	13		

Secretary

Edwin A. Grosvenor, Dem.	68	Marion C. Sproule, Soc.	2
Albert P. Langtry, Rep.	171	Willard O. Wylie, Prohib.	7
Thomas J. Maher, Soc. Lab.	2	Blanks	21

Treasurer

Henry L. Bowles, Dem.	65	William C. Marks, Prohib.	6
Charles L. Burrill, Rep.	176	Jeremiah P. McNally, Soc. Lab.	1
Charles C. Fenner, Soc.	4	Blanks	19

Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook, Rep.	170	Jacob C. Morse, Dem.	69
James W. Holden, Soc. Lab.	3	William G. Rogers, Prohib.	5
Henry C. Fram, Soc.	6	Blanks	18

Attorney General

Henry C. Atwell, Rep.	175	John Mc Carthy, Soc.	5
Frank Auchter, Prohib.	9	William Taylor, Soc. Lab.	3
Joseph Joyce Donahue, Dem.	61	Blanks	18

Councillor

Joseph H. McNally, Dem.	70	Henry C. Mulligan, Rep.	174
Blanks	27		

Senator

Frederic W. Burke, Dem.	68	Charles A. Kimball, Rep.	184
Blanks	19		

Representative in General Court

Thomas J. Burke, Dem.	61	Benjamin Loring Young, Rep.	192
Blanks	18		

County Commissioner

Alfred L. Cutting, Rep.	180	Michael M. O'Connor, Dem.	51
John Lathrop Oyer, Non. Rep.	5	William H. Walsh, Non. Rep.	8
George A. Goodwin, Prog.	3	Blanks	24

County Treasurer

De Witt Clinton Clapp, Nom. Rep. 6 David A. Keefe, {Dem.} 57
 Joseph O. Hayden, Rep. 175 Blanks {Prog.} 33

Sheriff

John J. Donovan, Dem. 57 John R. Fairbairn, Rep. 189
 Blanks 25

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of populations and to provide homes for citizens, be approved and ratified?

Yes 142 No 66 Blanks 63

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

Yes 81 No 171 Blanks 19

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

Yes 146 No 56 Blanks 69

A true record, Attest,
 Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Clerks' Meeting.

Vote of Middlesex District Number 13 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks' Meeting for said district, held at Concord, November 12th, 1915, at 12 M.

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Weston	Total
Thomas J. Burke, of Concord	61	319	57	36	122	17	612
Benjamin Loring Young, of Weston	192	624	161	146	299	420	1842
Blanks	18	77	13	19	26	7	160
Total	271	1020	231	201	447	444	2614

Two Certificates of Election were made out and signed by

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk of Bedford
 William D. Coross, " " " Concord
 George L. Chapin, " " " Lincoln
 Frank F. Gerry, " " " Sudbury
 Warren L. Bishop, " " " Wayland
 George W. Cutting, " " " Weston.

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was delivered to the Representative elect.

Attest: - Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Election,
Thursday, December 2nd, 1915.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are thereby directed to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote
in elections and in Town affairs to meet
in the Town Hall at said Bedford on
Thursday, the second day of December,
in the year of our Lord one thousand
nine hundred and fifteen, at eleven
o'clock in the forenoon, there and
there to act upon the following articles
of the Town Warrant.

Article I To choose one Selectman and one
Assessor of Taxes to fill the unexpired
terms made vacant by the death of
Orving L. Hodgdon, both to be voted
for upon one ballot, the polls to
be open from 11. A.M. until 8. P.M.

Article II To see if the Town will authorize the
Board of Water Commissioners to apply
any balance of the appropriation for
the Lincoln and Hartwell roads' exten-
sion of the water system to the
account of painting the standpipe, or
do anything relating thereto.

Article III To see if the Town will vote to
appropriate three hundred and fifty
dollars (\$350.) for the purpose of con-
structing fire escapes on the Bedford
Union School building, or do anything
in relation to the same.

Articles II and III will be taken up at 7 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of November, A.D. 1915

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Butler } of Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on November 24, 1915, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford, Mass.

A true copy of the warrant and the doings of the constable thereon. Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk,

Doings at Town Election, December 2nd, 1915

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order at 11 A.M. by the Moderator. After the reading of the warrant, Dudley P. Ladd, John A. Blake and Michael L. English, who had been duly appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were sworn and received from the Town Clerk 420 special election official ballots. After the ballot box had been opened and shown to be empty, the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance, the polls were declared open, and balloting commenced. At 4 P.M., the first block of ballots was taken from the ballot box, and the work of counting was begun. The result of the balloting was as follows:-

Article I	Total number of votes cast	256
	Selectman	
	John R. Comley ^(s.)	149
	Martin F. McMahon	105
	Blanks	2
	Assessor of Taxes	
	James T. Connors	110
	Luther A. Ford ^(s.)	140
	Blanks	6

The remainder of the business was taken up by the meeting at 7 P.M.

Article II No motion appearing, this article was passed without action.

Article III Voted, that the Town do appropriate, from money that is in the treasury, the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350.) dollars for the purpose of constructing

fire escapes at the Union School building.
The following resolution was also passed by
vote of the meeting.

Whereas, the condition of the rain water
cistern on the Great Road near the home of
Mr. John L. Jewett is reported as unsafe and
dangerous,

Resolved that it is the sense of this
meeting that the Road Commissioners be
instructed to discontinue this cistern and
fill it.

After the announcement of the results of
the balloting, Mr. Couley and Mr. Ford
were sworn to the faithful performance of
their duties as Selectman and Assessor
respectively. No further business appearing,
the meeting then adjourned after the
reading of the minutes.

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 Warrant for Town Election,
 Monday, March 6th, 1916.
 Middlesex SS. I

To either of the Constables of the Town of
 Bedford, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and
 warn the inhabitants of the Town of
 Bedford, qualified by law to vote in
 elections and in Town affairs, to meet in
 the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday,
 the 6th day of March, next, at 6.30 o'clock
 A. M., at which time the meeting will be
 called to order (the polls will be open
 for voting at 6.45 o'clock and kept open
 until 8 o'clock, P. M.) then and there to
 bring in their votes for the election of
 one Selectman for three years, one Assessor
 of Taxes for three years, one Overseer of
 the Poor for three years, one Town Treasurer
 for one year, one Collector of Taxes for one
 year, two Auditors for one year, one
 Water Commissioner for three years, one
 Trustee of the Bedford Free Public Library for
 four years, one member of the Shawsheen
 Cemetery Committee for three years, five
 Constables for one year, one Park Com-
 missioner for three years, one Park
 Commissioner for two years, two Fence
 Viewers for one year, one member of the
 School Committee for three years, one
 Road Commissioner for three years,
 one Moderator for one year, one Tree
 Warden for one year, one member of
 the Board of Health for three years,
 one member of the Board of Health for
 two years, one member of the Board

of Health for one year; also to vote on the following question, viz. - Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford for the ensuing year? Yes or No.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make true return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our Hands this twenty-third day of February, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	} Selectmen of Bedford.
David C. Cutler	
John R. Comley	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on February 25, 1916, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., February 26, 1916.

Town Election, Monday, March 6, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6.30 A. M. After the reading of the warrant, Dudley P. Ladd, James R. Murray and John Kavanagh, who had been appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were duly sworn, and a package containing three hundred and sixty official ballots and sixty special ballots for women was delivered to them. The ballot-box was opened and shown to be empty, after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. At 6.45 the polls were declared open and balloting commenced. At 3.20 P. M., the first block of ballots was taken from the box and the work of counting begun. At 8. P. M., the polls were declared closed, and shortly after the results were announced.

Whole number of ballots cast,	262
Number of names checked as having voted on lists used by Town Clerk and ballot clerks,	262
Number of women's names checked,	9
and number of special ballots cast,	9
Selectman -	Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., ^(s.) 186
	Blanks 76
Assessor of Taxes -	Willis G. Lane 201
	John L. Jewett 2
	Blanks 59

Overseer of the Poor-	Daniel E. Perkins	(s.)	169
	Edwin N. Rand		61
	Blanks		32
Town Treasurer	Sherman G. Rich	(s.)	206
	Blanks		56
Collector of Taxes	A. Elmer Blake	(s.)	198
	Blanks		64
Auditors	Winfield M. Brown	(s.)	165
	Nathan H. Daniels	(s.)	189
School Committee	Mabel B. Riess	(s.)	198
	Blanks		73
Road Commissioner	Seldon D. Gates		189
	Blanks		72
	John J. Kelley		1
Water Commissioner	Henry D. Lyons	(s.)	204
	Blanks		58
Trustee of Bedford Free Public Library	George R. Blinn		188
	Blanks		74
Cemetery Committee	Abbott R. Webber	(s.)	200
	Blanks		62
Moderator	Charles W. Jenks	(s.)	200
	Luther A. Ford		1
	Blanks		61
Park Commissioner 3 years	Elihu G. Loomis	(s.)	179
	Blanks		83
2 years	Joseph H. Williams	(s.)	196
	Blanks		66

Board of Health
3 years

Abbott R. Webber ^(s.) 203
Blanks 59

2 years

Merton L. Winchenbaugh ^(s.) 173
Blanks 88
Ross H. Whitton 1

1 year

William J. Balfour ^(s.) 177
J. Karanagh 1
Blanks 84

Tree Warden

Charles W. Jenks ^(s.) 194
Blanks 68

Fence Viewers

Charles H. Clark 176
Abbott R. Webber ^(s.) 176
Michael F. Manning 1

Constables

A. Elmer Blake ^(s.) 188
Herbert L. Clark ^(s.) 185
John Karanagh ^(s.) 197
Edward P. Kelley ^(s.) 176
Charles D. Phillips ^(s.) 159
Harold L. Skene 1
John L. Jewett 1
William B. Hughes 1
Martin F. Mc Mahan 1

Shall license be granted for the sale
of intoxicating liquors in this town?
Yes, 133. No, 115. Blanks, 14.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Warrant for Town Meeting, March 8, 1916.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the
Town of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Wednesday, the eighth day of March, next, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M., then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

- Article 1. To hear the reports of Committees and Town Officers and act upon the same.
- Art. 2. To hear the report of the Committee on By-laws and act upon the same.
- Art. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 4. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen,

to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

- Art. 8. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from Dog Licenses.
- Art. 9. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about the 19th of April, 1916.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars for Hydrant Service with the understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan the current year.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lights in any direction, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain piece of land near New England Nurseries now owned by Mrs. Jane Shaw, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the year, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to alter and make an addition to the school-house, and if so decide in what manner to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding Seven Thousand dollars (\$7000.) for the purpose, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 16. To fix the number of Measurers of Wood and Coal and delegate the appointment

to the Selectmen, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To elect such necessary Town officials as are not elected by official ballot.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5000) to macadamize South Street from Main Street to Loomis Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$350.00) to repair Wilson Road, between the houses of Willis Kenrick and D. B. Williams, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand dollars (\$3000.) to be used with allotments from the County and State to be used for road construction on the Burlington Road, including the bridge easterly, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1000.) to repair the Old Billerica Road near the property of H. Wiggin, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1000.) to repair Davis Road at its westerly end, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended balance of the Appropriation for Main Street Sidewalk for 1915 to be used in continuing work on this sidewalk, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) to replank the Carlisle Bridge, or do anything in relation to the same.

- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1000.) to macadamize a portion of the Burlington Road, so called, commencing at the bridge and extending as far east as the money will permit, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will appropriate a sufficient amount to repair and enlarge a culvert near the estate of Edward Tickney on the Concord Road, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will adopt a code of traffic rules to promote safety on the highways, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will install five street lights from the railroad track of the Reformatory Branch of the Boston and Maine R.R. at its intersection with Lincoln Road, thence on Lincoln Road to the junction of Lincoln Road and Hartwell Road, and on Hartwell Road to the house of Arthur Butler, or take any action in relation thereto.
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will install more electric lights on the North Road between the house of Roger W. Brown and Sweetwater Ave.
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to install six electric lights on the Old Road to Billerica, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.) to install a fire alarm system, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water system to the estate of Patrick Rooney and along Brooksbie and Shawheen Roads, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred

and Fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a cement sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from Springs Road eastward two hundred and fifty feet or more, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to install four electric lights on Spring Road from the McCurda Estate toward the South Billerica Station.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred dollars (\$100.) for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February, 1916.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	} Selectmen of Bedford.
David C. Cutler	
John R. Conley	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on Feb. 29th, 1916, as above directed

Edward P. Welley,
Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass.
Feb. 29, 1916.

Annual Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 8th, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7.30 P.M. As the evening was very stormy, only a small number of voters were present and it was voted to adjourn until Thursday evening, March 16th, at 7.30.

March 16th, 1916.

In accordance with the vote taken on March 8th, 1916, the adjourned meeting reassembled on March 16th at 7.30 P.M.

Article 1

Voted to accept the reports of the various officers and committees as offered in the Town Book.

Voted to accept the following resolutions on the death of Irving L. Hodgdon offered by Rev. George F. Piper:—

"The legal voters of Bedford, in annual Town Meeting assembled, desire to express their deep sense of loss in the death, on the twenty-seventh day of September last, of Irving Leslie Hodgdon, long time a resident of the town and for many years Chairman of its Board of Selectmen and its Board of Assessors. We desire to place on record our appreciation of his honesty, fidelity and sound judgement in the management of the Town's affairs, and our recognition of the fact that no part of its municipal interests failed to receive his earnest and serious attention and encouragement

(Art. 2. The Committee on By-laws reported and asked for further time, which was granted.

(Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year:—

Selectmen	\$350.00
Including unexpended balance, and in addition any receipts of the department.	
Accounting Department	150.00
Including unexpended balance	
Treasurer &	350.00
Including unexpended balance, and in addition any receipts of the department.	
Collector	750.00
Assessors	225.00
Including unexpended balance	
Town Clerk &	115.00
Election and Registration	115.00
Including unexpended balance	
Town Hall &	500.00
Including unexpended balance, and in addition receipts for use of hall.	
Police Department	1,100.00
Including unexpended balance, and in addition receipts of the department and court fines returned.	
Fire Department	900.00
Including unexpended balance	
Hydrant Service	1,000.00
Forest Fire Department	350.00
Including unexpended balance	
Sealing Weights and Measures	60.00
And receipts of Department.	

Tree Warden. Unexpended balance	\$138.36
Woth Department	795.51
Health Department	100.
Inspection of Animals	125.
And any sum received from State in reimbursement for prior expenditure.	
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	4,250.
Including unexpended balance, and in addition receipts of department and excise tax of current year	
Sidewalks Unexpended balance	393.75
Watering Trough. Unexpended balance	88.25
Street Lighting	2,150.
Including unexpended balance.	
School Department	10,300.
Including unexpended balance, and in addition receipts of department together with any sums received from State for education.	
Industrial Schools	750.
Including unexpended balance.	
Public Library	250.
And Log License Refund.	
Support of Poor	2,000.
And all receipts of department.	
State Aid. Any sum received from State in reimbursement for expenditures	
Wilson Park. Unexpended balance.	41.22
Page Field Unexpended balance.	29.96
Memorial Day	125.
Including unexpended balance	
Town Reports	275.
Including unexpended balance	
Fire Insurance	450.

Liability Insurance. \$325.

Including unexpended balance.

Water Department.

Voted: that the Town appropriate the unexpended balance shown in the report of the Water Dept. and the revenue of that department for the ensuing year for the maintenance and operation of the Water Dept. and the necessary service connections and construction work and for the payment of interest on the Water Loan Bonds payable during the year 1916.

Cemetery Department 246.01

Including unexpended balance and in addition receipts of department.

Old Burying Ground 35.

Including unexpended balance.

Interest 1,000.

Including unexpended balance, and in addition receipts for interest and any sum transferred from Water Dept. for payment of interest on water bonds.

Reserve Fund 1,000.

Including unexpended balance.

Art. 4. Voted: that the money appropriated for the general maintenance of Roads and Bridges shall be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners as they see fit.

Art. 5. Voted: that the Assessors be instructed during the month of April to furnish, in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 679 of the Acts of 1913, to the Collector of Taxes a

certificate setting forth the names and addresses of any persons who are to be assessed a poll tax (only) for the year; and that, in accordance with Sec. 2, the Collector be instructed to forthwith proceed to collect the poll taxes from the persons entered on such list.

That the compensation of the Collector be $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury, and that the Town pay the expense of postage, stationery and printing in connection with the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. Voted: that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Art. 7. Voted: that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 8. Voted: that the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the library.

Art. 9. Voted: that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.

Art. 10. Voted: that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or

about the 19th of April, 1916.

Art. 11. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for hydrant service and that said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.

Art. 12. Voted: to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars (\$400.) for the extension of street lights, four on the Concord Road, four on the North Road to Billerica, four on Springs Road from estate of Mr. McCurdy toward South Billerica Depot, four on Old Road to Billerica and four on South Road beginning at Boston & Maine Railroad tracks extending along Hartwell Road, and that this sum be added to the appropriation for street lighting.

Art. 13. Voted: that the matter of the acceptance by the Town of a certain piece of land near New England Nurseries now owned by Mrs. Jane Shaw be referred to the Trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library with full powers.

Art. 14. Voted: that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the year.

Art. 15. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.) for altering and making an addition to the Schoolhouse, and that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow seven thousand dollars and issue serial notes therefor payable one thousand dollars each year for seven years, and that these notes shall state on their face that they are exempt from taxation.

in Massachusetts, and that this loan shall be called the Schoolhouse Repair Loan.

- Art. 16. Voted: that the Town fix the number of
Measurers of Wood and Bark as four (4)
and delegate the appointment to the Selectmen.
- Art. 17. The following officers were chosen by nomination
at large:—
Field Drivers.

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Field Drivers.

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William H. Mudge

Harry Frederick Waite

Pound Keeper.

The Superintendent of the Turin Farm.

Surveyors of Lumber.

William Thompson

Charles H. Clark.

Herbert L. Clark (s.)

Co. Willard Plastridge

Daniel C. Hayes.

Roger W. Brown

Quincy S. Cole

- Art. 18. Laid on the table

- Art. 19. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.) to repair Wilson Road between the houses of Willis Kenrick and L. B. Williams.

- Art. 20. Voted: to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) to be used only in connection with like sums by the County and State Commissioners ^{for road construction on Burlington Road} and that serial notes be issued payable, one thousand dollars in 1917 and one thousand dollars in 1918.

(See amended vote on Page 505)

- Art. 21. Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) to repair the Old Billerica Road near the property of H. S. Wiggin.

- Art. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) to repair Davis Road at its westerly end.

Art. 23. Voted: to appropriate the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Main Street Sidewalk for 1915 to be used in continuing work on this sidewalk.

(Art. 24. Voted: to appropriate and raise the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$375.) to replank the Carlisle Bridge.

Art. 25. Laid on table

(Art. 26. Voted: to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.) from any amount that is or may be in the treasury to be expended by the Road Commissioners, if found necessary, to repair and enlarge the culvert near the estate of Edward Tackney on the Concord Road.

Art. 27. Voted: that the matter of a Code of Traffic Rules to Promote Safety on the Highways be referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Art. 28. }
Art. 29. } Taken up in connection with Article 12.
Art. 30. }

Art. 31. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2000.), and authorize the Engineers of the Fire Department to have installed a LeBaron forty-blow compressed air fire alarm system.

Art. 32. Voted: that the matter of extending the water system to the estate of Patrick Rooney and along Brooksville and Shawshen Roads be referred to the Board of Water Commissioners with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Art. 33 Voted: that the matter of the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from

Springs Road eastward be referred to the Road Commissioners with an appropriation of fifty dollars (\$50.)

Art. 34. Taken up in connection with Article 12.

Art. 35. Voted: that in memory of the seventy-six men who went from Bedford to Concord at the summons of April 19th, 1775, of whom fifty were militia and twenty-six minute men: of the minute men the Captain, Jonathan Willson was killed that day and Nathaniel Page, Jr. carried the colonial banner now known as the Bedford Flag which is carefully preserved in charge of the Bedford Free Library Corporation, the Town votes to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars as a contribution to the George Washington Memorial Association.

Voted: to reconsider Article 20

Art. 20 Voted: to amend Article 20 by striking out the same and substituting in place thereof the following:—
 "Voted: to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) for road construction on Burlington Road, said sum to be used only in connection with like sums appropriated by the County and State Commissioners; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the same and issue serial notes therefor payable, one thousand dollars in 1917 and one thousand dollars in 1918. Said notes shall state on their face that they are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts."

Warrant for Presidential Primary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town
of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth
you are hereby required to notify and
warn the inhabitants of said town who
are qualified to vote in Primaries to
meet in Town Hall, Bedford, Tuesday,
the Twenty-fifth Day of April, 1916,
at 4 o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary
Officers for the Election of Candidates of
Political Parties for the following offices:

- 4 Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Republican Party.
- 4 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Republican Party.
- 4 Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 4 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 8 Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Prohibition Party.
- 8 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National
Convention of the Prohibition Party.
- 2 District Delegates to the National
Convention of the Republican Party.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National
Convention of the Republican Party.
- 2 District Delegates to the National
Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National
Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 1 District Delegate to the National
Convention of the Prohibition Party.
- 1 Alternate District Delegate to the National
Convention of the Prohibition Party.

All District Delegates for the Fifth Congressional District.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of April, A.D. 1916.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	} Selectmen of Bedford
David C. Cutler	
John R. Comley	

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on April 17, 1916, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Presidential Primaries

Tuesday, April 25, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order at 4. P. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Ladd, John Kavanagh and Joseph B. Hodgdon, having been appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. Four hundred and fifty ballots of the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition Parties (all on one ballot) in sealed boxes of fifty each were delivered to the ballot clerks. The polls were then declared open. At 8. P. M. the polls were closed. At the close of the counting, results were announced as follows:-

Seventy-nine ballots had been cast

Three were spoiled by marking for candidates of more than one party

Six were for candidates of the Democratic Party

Seventy were for candidates of the Republican Party

Six of the ballots marked for Republican candidates were wholly or partially spoiled by being marked for more than the correct number of candidates

There was no vote of the Prohibition Party.

Number of votes received by each candidate was as follows:-

Republican

Democratic

Delegates at Large

Group 1.

Grafton D. Cushing	27	David J. Walsh	6
Charles Sumner Bird	26	Joseph H. O'Neil	6
Augustus P. Gardner	22	Humphrey O'Sullivan	6
Robert M. Washburn	21	Charles B. Strecker	6

Group 2.

Samuel W. McCall	51
Henry Cabot Lodge	46
John W. Weeks	45
Winthrop M. Crane	42

Alternate Delegates at Large

Group 1.

Alexander McGregor	23	H. Oscar Rocheleau	5
Lombard Williams	22	Edmund D. Codman	5
Daniel Cosgrove	21	Vincent Broqua	5
William M. Armstrong	21	Thomas F. Higgins	5

Group 2.

Butler Ames	33
Louis A. Frothingham	34
Eben S. Keith	33
Frank W. Stearns	33

District Delegates

Fred O. Lewis	16	Robert J. Crowley	5
Frederick P. Glazier	13		

Group 2.

Herbert C. Fletcher	40	J. Joseph O'Connor	6
John N. Cole	38		

Alternate District Delegates

Group 1

Gardner W. Pearson	15	John T. Donohue	6
Edwin C. Perham	14	Joseph P. Donohue	6

Group 2.

Frank C. Dunbar	33
Wilford D. Gray	33

A true record. Attest,

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting,
 Saturday, July 8, 1916, at 7.30 P.M.
 Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greetings:-
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said Bedford on Saturday, the eighth day of July, 1916, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant.

Article I. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7000.) for the purpose of building an addition to the schoolhouse and equipping the same, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow said sum, or act in any way relating thereto.

Article II. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 15 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Article III. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum necessary to complete the work started of taking care of the water on the Back Common, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article IV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.) in addition to the fifty dollars already

appropriated at the regular meeting for a cement sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from Springs Road eastward two hundred and fifty feet or more.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of June, 1916.

J. P. Geiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of
John R. Comley } Bedford.

Bedford, Mass., July 1, 1916.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on July 1, 1916, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy, Attest,
Abbott R. Webber,
Town Clerk.

Doings at Town Meeting, Saturday, July 8, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 7.30 P.M. by the Moderator. The Town Clerk read the warrant and the doings of the Constable thereon.

Article I. Voted, (8-0) that the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000.) for the purpose of building an addition to the schoolhouse and equipping the same, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow said sum and to issue serial notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable \$1,000. each year for seven years, to conform in all respects with the provisions of Chapter 719 of the Acts of 1913.

Art. II. Voted, that the Town rescind the vote passed under Article 15 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Art. III. Voted, that the Town do raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$275.) to complete the work started of taking care of the water on the Back Common.

Art. IV. Voted, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.) in addition to the Fifty Dollars appropriated at the regular March Meeting for a cement sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from Springs Road eastward two hundred and fifty feet or more; work to be done under the direction

of the Road Commissioners.

Warrant for State Primary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town
of Bedford, & Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you
are hereby required to notify and warn
the inhabitants of said Town who are
qualified to vote in Primaries to meet
in Town Hall, Bedford, Tuesday, the
twenty-sixth day of September, 1916, at
11 o'clock A.M., for the following
purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary
Officers for the nomination of candidates
of political parties for the following
offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth
Lieutenant Governor " "

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Treasurer and Receiver General

Auditor of the Commonwealth

Attorney General

Senator in Congress

Representative in Congress, 5th District

Councillor, 6th Councillor District

Senator, 7th Senatorial District

Representative in General Court, 11th Middlesex Dist.

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Two Associate Commissioners " "

District Attorney, Northern District

Clerk of the Courts, Middlesex County

Register of Deeds, Middlesex County

(To fill vacancy) Register of Probate & Insolvency Middlesex Co.

And for the election of the following
officers:

District member of State Committee for
 each political party for 7th Senatorial Dist.
 Members of the Democratic Town Committee
 " " " Republican " "
 " " " Prohibition " "

Delegates to State Conventions of
 Political Parties

All the above candidates and officers
 to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 11 A.M.
 to 8.30 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this
 warrant by posting attested copies
 thereof eight days at least before
 the time of said meeting as
 directed by vote of the Town.

Hereof I fail not, and make
 return of this warrant with your
 doings thereon at the time and
 place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 9th
 day of September, 1916.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
 David C. Cutler }
 John R. Conley } Bedford.

Middlesex, S.S.

I have served the above warrant
 by posting attested copies of the same
 one at the Town Hall and one at the
 Post Office on September 18th, 1916, as
 within directed.

Edward P. Kelly,

Constable of Bedford.

The 18th day of September, 1916.

State Primary, September 26th, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order at 11 A.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Dudley P. Budd, Howard D. Skelton and John Karanagh, having been duly appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were duly sworn. The Town Clerk delivered 450 ballots in sealed boxes of fifty each to the ballot clerks, and after the ballot box had been opened and shown to be empty, the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance, and the polls were declared open. At 8:30 P.M. the polls were declared closed, the first block of ballots ~~was~~ taken from the box, and the work of counting was begun.

Total number of ballots cast, 172

Number of names checked on check-list used by Town Clerk, 172

Number of names checked on check-list used by ballot clerks, 173

(one ballot having been returned without being cast)

Defective 4

Republican 156

Democratic 12

Prohibition 0

172

Republican	Prohibition	Democratic
Governor		
Samuel W. McCall, 132.	Chester K. Lawrence 0.	Chas H. Cole, 8.
Blanks 24.	Blanks 0.	Fredk. W. Mansfield 4.
		Blanks 0.

Lieutenant Governor		
Calvin Coolidge, 123.	Alfred H. Evans 0.	Thos. P. Riley, 9.
Blanks 33.	Blanks 0.	Blanks 3.

Secretary	
Albert P. Langtry, 116.	Leon R. Cyges, 8.
Blanks 40.	Blanks 4.

Treasurer	
Charles S. Burrill, 119.	Henry N. Teague, 8.
Blanks 37.	Blanks 4.

Auditor	
Joseph B. Brown, 49.	John B. N. Soulliere, 8.
Alonzo B. Cook, 66.	Blanks 4.
Blanks 41.	

Attorney General	
Henry C. Attwell, 111.	John Joyce Donahue, 9.
Blanks 45.	Blanks 3.

Senator in Congress	
Henry Cabot Lodge, 121.	John F. Fitzgerald, 8.
Blanks 35.	Blanks 4.

Congressman	
John Jacob Rogers 132	Roger Sherman Hoar, 8.
Blanks 24	Blanks 4

Councillor	
James G. Harris 70	
Henry C. Mulligan 50	
Blanks 36	

Senator

Burton H. Crosby, 7.
 Chas. A. Kimball, 43.
 Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr., 95.
 Blanks 11.

Frederick W. Burke, 8.
 Blanks 4.

Representative in General Court.

Walter Perham, 92.
 L. Frank Small, 35.
 Blanks 29.

Joseph McMahan, 1.
 Blanks 11.

County Commissioners

Smith J. Adams, 33.
 Erson B. Barlow, 52.
 Chas. H. McIntire, 31.
 Blanks 40.

Associate Commissioners

Frederic P. Barnes, 97
 H. Harding Hale, 68
 Blanks

District Attorney

Nelson P. Brown, 20.
 Philip M. Clark, 11.
 John J. Higgins, 43.
 Nathan C. Tufts, 69.
 Blanks 13.

William R. Scharton, 8.
 Blanks 3.
 Pink Murray 1.

Clerk of Courts

William C. Dillingham, 120.
 Blanks 36.

Register of Deeds

Thomas Lighton, Jr., 117
 Blanks, 39

Republican

Democratic

Register of Probate & Insolvency

William G. Andrews,	36.	Timothy E. Quinn,	8.
Roland C. Brown,	20.	J. Blanks	4.
Frederick M. Esty,	57.		
Blanks	43.		

State Committee

Louis Pfeiffer,	82.	Richard L. Fitzgerald,	8.
Blanks	74.	Blanks	4.

Delegates of State Convention

Charles W. Willis,	89.	Charles W. Hutton,	10.
John R. Conley,	86.	Blanks	2.
Blanks			

Town Committee

Louis Pfeiffer,	94.	Charles W. Hutton,	9.
Sherman H. Rich,	109.	Michael M. McGinn,	8.
Chas. W. Blake,	107.	Frederick Sullivan,	8.
Albert R. Bacon,	107.	John Kavanagh,	10.
John C. P. Reese,	106.	Quane F. Carpenter,	8.
Scattering	2		

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 7, 1916.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet in the Town Hall at said Bedford on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of November, 1916, at Six o'clock A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of
Presidential Electors

Also a

Governor

for this Commonwealth

Lieutenant Governor

" " "

Secretary

Treasurer and Receiver General

" "

Auditor

" "

Attorney General

" "

Senator in Congress

" "

Representative in Congress, Fifth Congressional Dist.

Councillor

Sixth Councillor

Senator

Seventh Senatorial

Representative in General Court, 11th Representative

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Two Associate Commissioners

" "

District Attorney,

Northern District

Clerk of Courts

Middlesex County

Register of Deeds

" "

Register of Probate & Insolvency

" "

(to fill vacancy)

Also to vote on the following questions:

Acceptance of Chap. 98, General Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to ascertain and carry

out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a constitutional convention."

Acceptance of Chap. 104, General Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to make the first day of January, known as New Year's Day, a legal holiday."

Acceptance of Chap. 179, General Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party."

All the above officers and questions to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of October, A.D. 1916.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.	} Selectmen of Bedford.
David C. Butler	
John R. Conley	

Middlesex SS.

I have served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on Oct. 30, 1916

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

State Election, November 7, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 6 A. M. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

John L. Blake, John Kavanagh and Dudley P. Ladd, having been appointed to serve as ballot clerks, were duly sworn. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, after which the keys were delivered to the Constable in attendance. Four hundred and fifty ballots in sealed boxes of fifty each were delivered to the ballot clerks by the Town Clerk. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted according to law. The polls were then declared open. At 1.20 P. M., the first block of ballots was taken from the box, and the work of counting was begun. At 8. P. M. the polls were declared closed.

Results of the balloting were as follows.

Total number of ballots cast	284
" " names checked by ballot clerks	284
" " " " J. Town Clerk	284
" " registered by ballot-box	283

(Ballot-box having slipped once)

Electors of President and Vice President
Benson and Kirkpatrick (Socialist) 1.

At large: Louis F. Weiss of Worcester, Howard A. Gibbs of Attleboro. By Districts: 1. Reuben V. Clark of Greenfield, 2. Samuel M. Jones of Springfield, 3. Victor Annala of Fitchburg, 4. James Cronin of Worcester, 5. William A. Chase of Lowell, 6. Ralph C. Gardner

of Haverhill, 7. Archibald H. Adamson of Methuen, 8. John S. Young of Cambridge, 9. William Sanborn of Somerville, 10. John J. McEttrick of Boston, 11. Moses J. Konikow of Boston, 12. Louis Marcus of Boston, 13. Eugene Hough of Newton, 14. Joel Thibadeau of Brockton, 15. Louis Schriever of N. Attleboro, 16. Robert Metcalf of New Bedford.

Hanley and Landrith (Prohibition) 1.
At large: William Shaw of Andover, John B. Lewis of Reading. By districts :-
1. Oliver L. Bartlett of Pittsfield, 2. William G. Rogers of Wilbraham, 3. Albert C. Brown of Fitchburg, 4. William W. Nash of Westborough, 5. Charles W. Leach of Stow, 6. John C. Peterson of Gloucester, 7. Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn, 8. Stuart B. Remick of Melrose, 9. William G. Merrill of Malden, 10. Franklin S. Sprague of Boston, 11. Obed Baker of Boston, 12. Solon W. Bingham of Boston, 13. Moses D. Monroe of Newton, 14. Albert J. Orem of Sharon, 15. John M. Fisher of Attleboro, 16. James J. Bartholomew of New Bedford.

Hughes and Fairbanks (Republican) 160.
At large: George v. L. Meyer of Hamilton, Edward A. Thurston of Fall River. By districts :- 1. Kelton B. Miller of Pittsfield, 2. Gurdon W. Gordon of Springfield, 3. George R. Wallace of Fitchburg, 4. Webster Thayer of Worcester, 5. Herbert C. Fletcher of Westford, 6. Isaac Patch of Gloucester, 7. Charles Cabot Johnson of Nahant, 8. Arthur Black of Winchester, 9. ^{Charles} ~~Andrew~~ ^{Bruce of Everett} Mortenson of Somerville, 10. Joseph B.

Maccabe of Boston, 11. Grafton D. Cushing of Boston, 12. George F. Lawley of Boston, 13. George S. Smith of Newton, 14. Horace A. Keith of Brockton, 15. Frederick C. Goff of Taunton, 16. Phineas C. Hadley, Jr. of Fairhaven.

Peimer and Harrison (Socialist Labor) 2.
At large: Oscar Kinsalas of Lynn, Ingvor Paulsen of Boston. By districts: Henry Noffke of Holyoke, 2. Daniel S. Law of West Springfield, 3. John A. Anderson of Gardner, 4. William Taylor of Worcester, 5. John McKinnon of Lowell, 6. Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem, 7. Ezekiel Hamburger of Lynn, 8. Fredrick Roberts of Medford, 9. Andrew Mortenson of Somerville, 10. Paul C. Anderson of Boston, 11. Henry C. Hess of Boston, 12. Harry Keller of Boston, 13. Dyer Enger of Ashland, 14. John A. Fredrickson of Braintree, 15. Albert Barnes of Fall River, 16. Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Plymouth.

Wilson and Marshall (Democratic) 110.
At large: David J. Walsh of Fitchburg, Sherman I. Whipple of Brookline. By districts: 1. Harry A. Garfield, of Williams town, 2. Thomas F. Harrington of Springfield, 3. Marcus C. Coolidge of Fitchburg, 4. H. Oscar Rocheleau of Worcester, 5. Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell, 6. Charles F. Rogers of Salem, 7. Simeon Viger of Lawrence, 8. Eugene Wambaug of Cambridge, 9. Marcus Beebe of Malden, 10. William Taylor of Boston, 11. Josiah Quincy of Boston, 12. John MacDonnell of Boston, 13. Edward C. Ginsburg of Boston, 14. Charles M. Hicket of Brockton, 15. John F. Doherty of Fall River, 16. Thomas C. Thacher of Plymouth.

Governor

James Hayes (Soc. Lab.)	0
Chester R. Lawrence (Prohib.)	6
Samuel W. McCall (Repub.)	172
Frederick W. Mansfield (Dem.)	88
Dan A. White (Soc.)	1
Blanks	17

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge (Repub.)	179
Alfred H. Evans (Prohib.)	6
Sylvester J. McBride (Soc.)	1
Thomas J. Maher (Soc. Lab.)	0
Thomas P. Riley (Dem.)	72
Blanks	26

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Thomas F. Brennan (Soc. Lab.)	0
Leon R. Cyges (Dem.)	69
Louise Adams Gout (Soc.)	4
Albert P. Langtry (Repub.)	178
Blanks	33

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill (Repub.)	177
Frederick C. Celcher (Soc. Lab.)	0
Clam K. Sheldon (Soc.)	5
Henry A. Veague (Dem.)	71
Blanks	31

Auditor

Joseph Bearak (Soc.)	6
Frank Bohmbach (Soc. Lab.)	0
Alonzo B. Cook (Repub.)	175
John B. N. Soulliere (Dem.)	67
Blanks	36

Attorney General.	
Henry C. Attwell (Repub.)	177
Joseph Joyce Donahue (Dem.)	66
Joseph Hiskra (Soc. Lab.)	1
John Weaver Sherman (Soc.)	5
Blanks	35

Senator in Congress.	
John F. Fitzgerald (Dem.)	81
Henry Cabot Lodge (Repub.)	177
William N. McDonald (Soc.)	6
Blanks	20

Congressman.	
Roger Sherman Hoar (Dem.)	75
John Jacob Rogers (Repub.)	185
Blanks	24

Councillor.	
James G. Harris (Repub.)	183
Blanks	101

Senator	
Frederic W. Burke (Dem.)	67
Charles A. Kimball (Repub.)	176
Blanks	41

Representative in General Court.	
Walter Perham (Repub.)	194
Blanks	89
Louis Pfeiffer	1

County Commissioners	
Erson B. Barlow (Repub.)	187
Blanks	97

Associate Commissioners	
Frederic P. Barnes (Repub.)	164
H. Harding Hale (Repub.)	135
Blanks	

District Attorney.
 William R. Scharton (Dem.) 55
 Nathan A. Tufts (Repub.) 193
 Blanks 36

Clerk of Courts.
 William C. Dillingham (Repub.) 178
 Blanks 106

Register of Deeds.
 Thomas Leighton, Jr. (Repub.) 179
 Blanks 105

Register of Probate and Insolvency
 Frederick M. Esty (Repub.) 172
 Timothy E. Quinn (Dem.) 59
 Blanks 53

Shall there be a Convention to revise,
 alter or amend the Constitution of
 the Commonwealth?
 Yes, 98. No, 69. Blanks, 117

Shall an act passed by the General
 Court in the year 1916 to make the
 first day of January, known as
 New Year's Day, a legal holiday be
 approved and become law?
 Yes, 160. No, 59. Blanks, 65.

Shall an act passed by the General Court
 in the year 1916, entitled an act to
 prevent the voters of one political party
 from voting in the primaries of another
 political party be approved and become
 law.
 Yes, 124. No, 64. Blanks, 96

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Thursday,
November 9, 1916.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford; - Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to
notify and warn the inhabitants of
the Town of Bedford qualified by law to
vote in Elections and in Town affairs
to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford
on Thursday, the ninth day of November,
A.D. 1916, at eight o'clock P.M., then
and there to act on the following
articles of Town affairs:

- Article 1. To see if the Town will instruct the
Selectmen to insure its liability for
accidents to employees and others, or
do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate one thousand dollars
(\$1,000.) or any other sum to purchase
horses or to provide means to get
the fire apparatus to fires, or do
anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 3 To see if the Town will raise and
appropriate a certain sum of money
to erect a suitable building to house
the steam road roller and other
Town tools, or do anything in relation
thereto.

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting attested copies thereof,
one at the Post Office and one at the
Town Hall in said Bedford, eight days
at least before the time for holding
said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford,
this thirtieth day of October, A.D. 1916,
Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of
John R. Comley } Bedford.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall on November 1, 1916, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon. Attest:
Abbott R. Webber,
Town Clerk.

Doings at Special Town Meeting, Thursday,
November 9, 1916.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by the Moderator, and the warrant and return of the Constable thereon were read by the clerk.

Article 1. Voted, that it is the opinion of this meeting that insurance should be carried covering the Town's liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act for injuries to its employees.

Art. 2. Voted, to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.) dollars, the money to be taken from any money that may be in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and transferred to the Fire Department to provide such means as they see fit to get out the fire apparatus from now until December 31st, 1916.

Also that a Committee of fire be appointed to report at the March Meeting regarding a permanent arrangement or the feasibility of motorizing the department. That this committee consist of Mr. N. H. Daniels, Mr. J. L. Blake and three members to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed Mr. Bernard Webber, John R. Comley and John G. Gammon.

Art. 3. Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of eight hundred (\$800.) dollars from any money that may be in the Treasury not to otherwise appropriated for the purpose of building a house

in the rear of the Town Hall to house the steam roller and other tools; and that this sum be added to the appropriation for the maintainance of roads and bridges.

After the reading of the minutes it was voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

A true record, Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Clerks' Meeting.

Vote of Middlesex District No. 11 for Representative in the General Court, as ascertained and declared at the Town Clerks Meeting for said district, held at Chelmsford, November 17, 1916, at 12. M.

	Acton	Bedford	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Littleton	Tyngsboro	Westford	Total
Walter Perham of Chelmsford (Rep.)	339	194	79	743	162	134	293	1944
Scattering	1	1			1			3
Blanks	93	89	34	245	64	35	143	703
Totals	433	284	113	988	227	169	436	2650

Two Certificates of Election were made out for Walter Perham of Chelmsford and signed by

- Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk of Acton
- Abbott R. Webber, " " Bedford
- Dexter C. Whittemore " " Carlisle
- Edward J. Robbins " " Chelmsford
- Chas. F. Watts " " Littleton
- Chas. P. Littlehale " " Tyngsboro
- Charles L. Hildreth " " Westford

One of the certificates was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the other was delivered to the Representative elect.

Attest:
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Warrant for Town Election

Monday, March 5, 1917.

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday, the fifth day of March next at 6.30 o'clock A.M., at which time the meeting will be called to order, the Polls will be open for voting at 6.45 o'clock and kept open until 8 P.M.; then and there to bring in their votes for the election of

One Selectman for three years, one Assessor of Taxes for three years, one overseer of the Poor for three years, one Town Treasurer for one year, one Town Clerk for three years, one Collector of Taxes for one year, two Auditors for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Trustee of the Bedford Free Public Library for four years, one member of the Shaugheen Cemetery Committee for three years, five Constables for one year, one Park Commissioner for three years, two fence viewers for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Moderator for one year, one Tree Warden for one year, one member of the Board of Health for three years; also to vote on the following question: viz:—

Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford for the ensuing year? Yes or No.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Verifail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A.D. 1917.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.

David C. Rutler

John R. Comley

Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall February 24, 1917, as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley,

Constable of Bedford.

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.
Attest: -

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Election, March 5th, 1917.

Meeting called to order at 6.30 A.M.

Polls opened at 6.45. A.M.

Ballot Clerks:- Dudley P. Ladd, Clifton C. Flagg
John Kavanagh, and A. Elmer Blake.

First Block of ballots taken from ballot-box
at 6.15 P.M. Polls closed at 8. P.M.

Total number of ballots cast 352

" " " names checked

by Town Clerk and Ballot Clerks 252

" number of womens' ballots cast 2

" " " names

checked by Town Clerk + Ballot Clerks 2

" number registered by ballot box 352
(having skipped twice)

Results of balloting

Selectman,	David C. Cutler,	185	(s.)
	Nathan H. Daniels,	2	
	Blanks	65	

Assessor of Taxes,	Luther A. Ford,	191	(s.)
	James Connors	1	
	Blanks	60	

Overseer of Poor,	Randall A. Whittier,	194	(s.)
	Howard Skelton	1	
	Edward Rand	1	
	Blanks	56	

Town Clerk,	Abbott R. Webber,	210	(s.)
	Blanks	42	

Town Treasurer,	Sherman G. Rich,	203	(s.)
	Blanks	49	

Collector of Taxes,	A. Elmer Blake,	196 (s.)
	Blanks	56
Auditors,	Winfield M. Brown,	182
	Nathan H. Daniels,	197 (s.)
Water Commissioner,	George M. Dimond,	200
	Blanks	52
Board of Health,	William J. Balfour,	178 (s.)
	Blanks	74
School Committee,	Ross K. Whiton,	191 (s.)
	Blanks	63
Road Commissioner,	Albert R. Bacon,	189 (s.)
	Blanks	63
Trustee of Free Public Library,	Charles W. Jenks,	194 (s.)
	Blanks	57
	Mike Mahan	1
Cemetery Committee,	George A. Goodwin,	172
	Blanks	80
Constables,	A. Elmer Blake,	177 (s.)
	Herbert L. Clark,	180 (s.)
	John Karanagh,	189 (s.)
	Edward P. Kelley,	148 (s.)
	Charles W. Phillips,	147 (s.)
	Charles Sweetnam,	1
	Peter Karanagh,	1
	James J. Connors,	1
	William Graham,	1
	Charles Jenks,	1
	Walter Temple,	1

Tree Warden,	Charles W. Jenks,	188 (s.)
	Blanks	64
Moderator,	Charles W. Jenks,	192 (s.)
	Blanks	60
Park Commissioner,	Hubert H. Loomis,	178 (s.)
	Blanks	74
Fence Viewers,	Charles H. Clark	188
	Abbott R. Webber	190

Shall License be granted for the Sale of
Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?
Yes, 131. No, 115. Blanks, 6.

A true record. Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Warrant for Town Meeting, March 16, 1917.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the
Town of Bedford, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed
to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford qualified by
law to vote in Elections and in
Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall
in said Bedford on Friday the 16th
day of March, next, at 7.30 o'clock,
P.M., then and there to act on the
following articles of the Town Warrant.

- Article 1. To hear the reports of Committees and Town Officers and act upon the same.
- Art. 2 To hear the report of the Committee on By-Laws and act on the same.
- Art. 3 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and make the appropriations for the same.
- Art. 4 To see what method the Town will adopt for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year and make the appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5 To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation for Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6 To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenues of the current financial year.
- Art. 8. To see for what purpose the Town will appropriate the money received from Dog Licenses.
- Art. 9. To see in what manner the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting to be held on or about the 19th of April, 1917.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand

dollars for hydrant service with understanding that the said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan the current year.

- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lights in any direction, raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee - four (4) times during the year, or do anything in relation to the same.
- Art. 14. To fix the number of Measurers of Wood and Coal and delegate the appointment to the Selectmen, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 15. To elect such necessary Town Officials as are not elected by official ballot.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.) to macadamize South St. from Main St. to Loomis St., or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to compensate Road Commissioners or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1000.) to rebuild Shawsheen Road, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to extend water mains on Lincoln Road or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the wages of Town employees or do anything in relation thereto.

- Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote not to have a salaried police officer, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to increase fire apparatus, raise and appropriate money for same, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to move shed in rear of Town Hall, raise and appropriate money for same, or do anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to drain Loomis St., raise and appropriate money for same, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of March, 1917.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of
John R. Conley } Bedford
Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office as within directed.

Edward P. Kelley, Constable of Bedford
March 9, 1917.

A true copy. Attest
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, Friday, March 16th, 1917.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7.30 P.M. The clerk read the warrant and the return of the Constable thereon.

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the various officers and committees as offered in the Town Book.

Art. 2. The Committee on By-laws reported and asked for further time, which further time was granted.

Art. 3 Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the ensuing year:

Selectmen \$300.

Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.

Accounting Department \$125.

Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.

Treasurer \$350.

Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.

Collector \$700.

Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.

Assessors \$250.

And any receipts of the Dept.
Town Clerk \$115.

Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.

Election and Registration	\$125.
And any receipts of Department.	
Town Hall	\$500.
And any receipts from use of Hall or other sources.	
Police Department	\$1,100.
And receipts of Dept. and Court Fines returned.	
Fire Department	\$2,000.
Including unexpended balance.	
Hydrant Service	\$1,000.
Forest Fire Department	\$350.
Including unexpended balance and in addition any receipts of the Department.	
Sealing Weights and Measures	\$60.
Including unexpended balance and in addition receipts of Dept.	
Tree Wardens, an unexpended balance.	\$136.11
Moth Department	\$856.03
Health Department	\$250.
And receipts of Department.	
Inspection of Animals	\$125.
And any sum received from State for reimbursement for prior expenditure	
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges.	\$7,250.
with Excise Tax.	
Street Lighting	\$2,700.
Including unexpended balance.	
Support of Poor	\$2,000.
And all receipts of Dept.	
State Aid, Any sum received from State for expenditures.	
School Department.	\$11,250.
And unexpended balance, together with receipts of Dept. and any	

sum received from the State
 for educational purposes.
 Industrial Schools. \$500.
 Including unexpended balance,
 and any sum received from
 the State for reimbursement
 for prior expenditures.
 Public Library \$250.
 And dog license refund.
 Wilson Park, an unexpended balance, \$30.34
 Page Field, an unexpended balance, \$24.96
 Memorial Day \$100.
 Including unexpended balance
 Town Reports \$350.
 Including unexpended balance
 Fire Insurance \$450.
 Including unexpended balance
 Liability Insurance \$200.
 Cemetery Department, unexpended balance, \$234.34
 and in addition receipts of Dept.
 Old Burying Ground \$40.
 Including unexpended balance,
 Interest \$1,000.
 Including unexpended balance
 and in addition any sum
 transferred from Water Dept.,
 for payment of interest on
 Water Bonds.
 Reserve Fund \$1,000.
 Including unexpended balance.

Art. 4. Voted that the money appropriated for the general maintenance of roads and bridges shall be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners as they see fit.

Art. 5. Voted that the Assessors be instructed during the month of April to furnish, in accordance with Section I, Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1913, to the collector of Taxes a certificate setting forth the names and addresses of any persons, who are to be assessed a poll tax (only) for the year; and that, in accordance with Section II, the collector be instructed to forthwith proceed to collect the poll taxes from the persons entered on such list.

That the compensation of the collector be $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury, and that the Town pay the expense of postage, stationery and printing in connection with the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which the Town Treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Art. 7. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1917, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt

or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

- Art. 8. Voted that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the library.
- Art. 9. Voted that the matter of the proper observance of Memorial Day be left with the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee.
- Art. 10. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the nineteenth of April, 1917.
- Art. 11. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.) for Hydrant Service, and that said sum shall be applied to interest on Town of Bedford Water Bonds Loan during the current year.
- Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.) in addition to the amount appropriated in accordance with the Selectmen's estimate to cover the expense of extending street lights along Concord Road as may seem best to the Selectmen.
- Art. 13. Voted that the Town grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee four times during the year.
- Art. 14. Voted that the Town fix the number of Measurers of Wood and Bark as four (4) and delegate the appointment to the Selectmen.
- Art. 15. The following officers were chosen by nomination at large:—

Field Drivers.

William H. Mudge

Harry Frederick Waite.

Pound Keeper

The Superintendent of the Town Farm.

Surveyors of Lumber

William Thompson

Charles H. Clark

Herbert L. Clark

C. Willard Plastringe

Daniel C. Haynes

Roger W. Brown

Quincy S. Cole.

Art. 16. Voted that the matter of macadamizing South Street be referred to the Road Commissioners and Selectmen with instructions to secure the services of the County in ascertaining cost and report at the next regular or special Town Meeting.

Art. 17. Voted that the Town authorize the Road Commissioners to secure a clerk, who may be one of their own number, at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

Art. 18. Laid on table.

Art. 19. Voted to extend the water system along Lincoln Road to serve six families, and to appropriate a sum not exceeding Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.) for the purpose, said sum to be taken from the unexpended balance of the Water Department; the work to be completed during the present year.

Art. 20. Voted that the wages of Town employees be advanced fifty cents a day, and that a man with a double team be paid six dollars (\$6.⁰⁰) a day.

Art. 21. Laid on table.

Art. 22. Voted that the Town do raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand, Eight Hundred dollars (\$2800.) and hereby authorize the Committee on Fire Apparatus to contract for fire apparatus as recommended in their report (submitted herewith).

Art. 23. Voted that the Building Committee be instructed to investigate the cost of completing the shed at rear of Town Hall also cost of removing same to some other location, along with cost of said available locations with detailed information as to condition of approach to said locations, cost of making said approaches suitable for heavy teaming, along with their recommendations relative to the storing of the Town roller and other equipment; and report their findings to the Town as expeditiously as possible.

Art. 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.) to be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioners in the work of draining Loomis Street.

Voted to accept the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the condition of Loomis Street.

Resolved: The people of Bedford, through their voters in Town Meeting assembled, hereby express their grateful appreciation for the drinking fountain erected in the village through the generosity of Mrs. Sarah H. Hayden, in memory of her husband, the late William H. Hayden. The beauty of design and of construction of this work will be a help and inspiration in the future development and improvement

of the town. It is fitting in this time of world strife and horror that thought for the need and comfort of those unable to help themselves should be embodied in this gift; and that it takes the form of a memorial to one who, for many years, was an esteemed and public spirited citizen of the town, makes it the more welcome.

The town clerk is instructed to present to Mrs. Hayden a copy of this resolution.

Voted that Mr. Courley be instructed to write a note of thanks to Mrs. Hayden for the scenery and curtains which she recently presented to the town.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest,
Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Constitutional Convention Primary.
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Town Hall, Bedford, Tuesday, the Third Day of April, 1917, at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention
32 Delegates at Large

All the above candidates are to be voted for upon one ballot.

Each voter may vote only for sixteen candidates at large.

The polls will be open from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of March, A. D. 1917.

J. Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler } of
John R. Conley } Bedford.

Middlesex SS:- I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies thereof on at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office on March 26, 1917.

Edward P. Kelley,
Constable of Bedford.

Constitutional Convention Primary

Tuesday, April 3, 1917.

Ballot Clerks: John Koranagh, Clifton C. Flagg,
Dudley P. Ladd. Oath sworn.

Voted, that the polls be kept open until
7.30 P.M.

Result of balloting. 71 ballots cast.
Delegates at Large to Constitutional Convention
Charles Francis Adams, 54; George W. Anderson, 20; William G. Andrew, 9; Albert S. Apsey, 31; Charles J. Barton, 29; John L. Bates, 48; Addison P. Beardsley, 6; William H. Brooks, 31; Walter O. Buie, 9; Harvey S. Chase, 14; Charles F. Choate, Jr., 44; Charles W. Clifford, 33; George W. Coleman, 23; Louis A. Coolidge, 35; John W. Cummings, 35; Edwin U. Curtis, 39; Samuel R. Cutler, 14; Arthur W. De Goosh, 2; Daniel C. Denny, 3; Daniel R. Donovan, 16; George H. Doty, 6; Hugh P. Drysdale, 19; Frank E. Dunbar, 39; Samuel J. Elder, 41; Wilmot R. Evans, Jr., 26; Eugene N. Foss, 14; Harry A. Garfield, 18; Ralph W. Hoag, 0; Gordon W. Gordon, 3; Matthew Hale, 25; Arthur D. Hill, 16; Walter S. Hutchins, 7; Patrick H. Jennings, 13; Lewis J. Johnson, 15; Abbott Lawrence Lowell, 43; Nathan Matthews, 35; James T. Moriarty, 12; Joseph C. Pelletier, 18; Josiah Quincy, 36; Clarence W. Rowley, 1; John Weaver Sherman, 8; James A. Stiles, 75; Moorfield Storey, 29; Charles B. Strecker, 10; Wendell Phillips Thoré, 4; Whitfield L. Tuck, 3; Joseph Walker, 26; David J. Walsh, 26; Robert M. Washburn, 12; Sherman L. Whipple, 31; Lombard Williams, 3; George H. Wrenn, 13.

A true record. Attest.

Abbott R. Webber, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Warrant for Town Meeting, April 24th, 1917.
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the
Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby directed to notify and warn the
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
qualified by Law to vote in elections and
in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall
in said Bedford on Tuesday, April 24th
next, at 12 o'clock M., then and there to
bring in their votes to elect two Water
Commissioners to fill the vacancies
caused by the resignation of George M.
Dimond and Henry D. Lyons.

Polls open April 24th, from 12 M. to 7.30 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting attested copies of the
same, one at the Town Hall and one at the
Post Office, eight days at least before the
time of holding said meeting.

Whereof fail not and make due
return of your doings with this warrant
to the Town Clerk at or before the time
of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th
day of April, 1917.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr. } Selectmen
David C. Cutler }
John R. Comley } Bedford.
Middlesex S.S.

I have served the within warrant
by posting attested copies thereof, one at
the Post Office and one at the Town Hall as
above directed on April 16, 1917.

John Kinnagh
Constable of Bedford.

Special Election, Tuesday, April 24th, 1917.
 Meeting called to order at 7 12 M.
 Ballot Clerks; J. Joseph Gates, Clifton C. Flagg.
 Tellers; David C. Cutler, Dudley P. Ladd.
 All duly sworn.

Polls announced open and in accordance with warrant to remain open until 7.30 P.M.

Moved to adjourn. Motion ruled out of order as polls were open and could not be closed until 7.30 P.M.

Voted that polls be kept open until 8. P.M.

Ballots delivered to ballot clerks 150

" returned 40

Ballot-box registered 110

Check-lists used by ballot clerks + tellers 110

Water Commissioner - for unexpired term ending 1919.
 George M. Dimond, 24. Henry D. Lyons, 32.
 George F. Dimond, 1; H. D. Lyons, 10; George Dimond, 3;
 George M. Diamond, 5; George Diamond, 1; Dimond, 1;
 Diamond, 1; G. M. Dimond, 1; M. H. Lyons, 1;
 Henry Lyons, 1; Henry Lyons, 1; Joseph Williams, 1;
 Jos. Williams, 1; Norman L. Skene, 1; J. H. Williams, 1;
 M. Bernard Webber, 1; Blanks, 8; Defective, 15.

Water Commissioner for unexpired term ending 1920.
 George M. Dimond, 27; Henry D. Lyons, 26.
 George Dimond, 5; H. D. Lyons, 6; Henry Lyons, 3;
 Dimond, 1; H. Lyons, 1; G. M. Dimond, 1; George M. Diamond, 6;
 Lyons, 2; Mr. Dimond, 1; H. M. Lyons, 1; Henry Lyons, 1;
 George H. Dimond, 1; Mr. G. Diamond, 1; Louis, Pfiffer, 1;
 J. H. Williams, 2; Joseph H. Williams, 4; Chas. W. Jenks, 1;
 Blanks, 3; Defective, 14; Scattering, 2.

George M. Dimond was declared elected for the long term, and Henry D. Lyons for the short term.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 30th, 1917.
Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 30th day of April, next, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles of the Town Warrant:

Article 1. To see if the Town will raise the Firemen's pay to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per year, and pay fifty cents for the first hour and thirty-five cents for each hour thereafter, while fighting fire, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to rebuild South St., raise and appropriate money for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby it was voted to extend the water mains for eight hundred feet on Lincoln Road, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to move the shed at rear of Town Hall, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to post this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings with this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st
day of April, 1917.

Immanuel Pfeiffer, Jr.

David C. Cutter

John R. Comley

Selectmen of Bedford.

Charles W. Jenks will serve as Moderator.

Middlesex SS.

I have served the above warrant
by posting attested copies thereof, one
at the Post Office and one at the
Town Hall on April 23rd, 1917, as above
directed.

A. Elmer Blake
Constable of Bedford.

Bedford, Mass.,

April 23rd, 1917.

A true copy of the warrant and of
the return of the Constable thereof.

Abbott R. Webber,

Town Clerk.

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for further records.





